ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes Of Advisory Committee Meeting Held In The Ashrama On 28.4.91

The newly elected Advisory Committee met in the Visitor's Room of the Ashrama on Sunday the 28th April 1991 at 9.00 p.m. This was the first meeting. Following members were present:

Chairman: Swami Harshananda Swami Harshananda

Members: 1. Sri D. Dasappa

2. Sri B.C.S. Narayan

3. Sri R. Jagannath Rao R. Jagannatha Rao

4. Sri Lal Sadhwani

Swami Harshanandaji, President of the Ashrama and the chairman of the Advisory Committee congratulated and welcomed the new members and requested them for their full co-operation. Then the meeting started.

The changing of the name of Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama, Bangalore to Ramakrishna Math, Bangalore came up for discussion. Swamiji briefed the members about the necessity for such a change and in particular with reference to the Income-Tax exemption problem the old name is creating. All the members unanimously agreed that such a change is a necessity, proposed and passed the following resolution.

Preamble: Since Swami Vivekananda has registered the original institutions as "Ramakrishna Math" (vide Debutter Deed .....) changing the names of branch centres also to fall in line with it, will facilitate our work especially in dealing with the Government of India and the various State Governments. Hence this resolution

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Resolved unanimously to recommend to the President and Trustees of Ramakrishna Math, Belur Math, Howrah, to change the name of this institution from "Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama, Bangalore" to "Ramakrishna Math, Bangalore".

Swamiji told the members about his discussion with the executives of the private centre at Ulsoor named Sri Ramakrishna Mutt and his request to them on behalf of the Headquarters to change the name of their centre in order to avoid any consequent confusion among the public. He also informed them that he is awaiting their official written reply to his letter in this regard.

The topic of beggar's menace in front of the Ashrama's gate came up for discussion. In spite of several attempts, the Ashrama is not able to solve this persisting problem. Sri B.C.S. Narayan suggested that a letter be sent to the Commissioner of Police, Bangalore seeking his help in solving this problem.

Then the traffic-problem in front of the Ashrama - especially on the evenings of the special days and Saturdays and Sundays - came up for solution. Sri Dasappa suggested that the Ashrama should write a letter to the Home Secretary, Government of Karnataka with copies to Home Minister, Government of Karnataka and also the Commissioner of Police, Bangalore requesting him to post a traffic constable on

a permanent basis. Sri Dasappa agreed to pursue the matter with the concerned authorities so that a Government Order may be passed with a notification in the Karnataka Gazette.

Swamiji informed them about the Kannada translation of Rev. Swami yatiswaranandaji's book "Meditation and Spiritual Life". It was suggested that the book be subsidized to the extent of 50% by collecting donations — say 150 sponsors of Rs 1000 each — to the tune of Rs. 1,50,000 so that even devotees of low income group can afford to buy it and get the benefit of this spiritual treasure. The members promised to help the Ashrama by requesting their friends to be sponsors.

Swamiji explained to them about our Rural Development activities at Shivanahalli. He also informed them that the dissolving of the Sri Ramakrishna Grama Kshema Trust and the subsequent merger of its activities with that of Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama is in the final stage. Swamiji sought their help in running these activities.

It was resolved to have the next meeting on Saturday the 6th July 1991 at 9 a.m. in the Ashrama premises.

Minutes Of The Advisory Committee Meeting Held In The Ashrama On 6-7-1991

The members of the Advisory Committee met in the visitors room of the Ashrama on Saturday the 6th July 1991 at 9.30 a.m. The following members were present:

Chairman : Swami Harshananda

Swami Harshanandaji

Sri D. Dasappa

Sri B.C.S. Narayan

Sri R. Jagannatha Rao

Sri Lal Sadhwani

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 28.4.91 were read and confirmed.

Swami Harshanandaji informed the Committee that the Police Constable posted in front of the Ashrama

to regulate the traffic is not coming regularly. Swamiji also told them that the beggar problem is still continuing. He informed the members about the visit of Sri Adhip Chowdhury, the new Home Secretary, Government of Karnataka and his promised help in solving the above two problems. Swamiji suggested that if on three or four consecutive Saturdays the beggars are removed to the beggar's colony the problem may be solved. It was also felt necessary to send a reminder to the Home Secretary regarding our request to post a constable on a permanent basis with suitable notifications in the Karnataka Gazette.

Swamiji informed the members that since an English version of Meditation and Spiritual Life is already in print it was decided to print only 2000 copies of the Kannada translation. By this the investment

will also be reduced to a very great extent. The Ashrama has so far collected nearly Rs 50,000/- towards the subsidy of the book.

The question of repairs and painting the Auditorium and Sri Sharada Memorial came up. A rough estimate indicated that at least Rs 1.05 lakhs are required towards the cost of repairs and painting. Sri Dasappa immediately agreed to donate liberally towards the cost.

Swamiji informed them that a devotee, Sri Govinda Shetty had agreed to donate the entire cost of the drinking water tank project (since completed) – approximately Rs 6,000 – for the benefit of devotees visiting the Ashrama.

Sri Narayan suggested that a letter be drafted and sent to the Chairman, Karnataka Electricity Board requesting him to give electricity to the Ashrama

at a concessional tariff.

Swamiji informed the committee that it was decided to have a Sat Sanga between 9 a.m and 12 noon on Guru Poornima Day. He also told them that the birthday of Swami Ramakrishnanandaji falls on Thursday, the 8th August 1991 and invited them all to attend.

It was decided to have the next meeting on Saturday the 7th september 1991 at 9.30 a.m.

Minutes Of The Advisory Committee Meeting Held In The Ashrama On September 7, 1991.

The members of the Advisory Committee met in the visitor's room of the Ashrama on Saturday the 7th September, 1991 at 9.30 a.m. The following members were present:

Chairman: Swami Harshananda Swami Harshananda

Sri D. Dasappa

Sri B.C.S. Narayan

Sri R. Jagannatha Rao R. Jagannatha Rao

Sri Ld Sadhwani

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 6.7.1991 were read and confirmed.

Swamiji informed the members that recently one Traffic Police Circle has been built very

the Ashrama gate and one Traffic Constable is coming daily to monitor the traffic. Sri B.C.S. Narayan suggested that a request be made to the Home Secretary to pass an order for posting a Traffic Constable and publish it in the Karnataka Gazette.

Incidentally the Constable himself is driving out all the beggars. Only one beggar – an old timer – is resisting. It was suggested that if he can be removed to the beggar's colony on four or five consequtive Saturdays this problem also will be solved. It was decided to request Sri Adhip Chowdhury to take suitable action and help us.

The audited annual accounts for the year 1990-91 were read and confirmed.

The Committee was appraised of our Mobile Medical work. On an average this

unit serves the needs of nearly 2000 patients every month catering to the needs of nearly 250 nearby villages. People living even 50 kms away are benifitted by this unit.

Swamiji informed the members that on Swami Ramakrishnanandaji's birthday 450 devotees attended the early morning Mangalarati. Nearly 2000 devotees came for the noon special puja and Hawan. In the evening more-than 2400 devotees gathered to participate in the bhajan.

On Lakshmi Puja and Sri Krishna Janmashtami the number of devotees attended were 1300 and 2000 respectively.

It was decided to meet again on Saturday the 9th Nov. at 9.30 a.m.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 9.11.1991

The members of the Advisory Committee met in the Ashrama on 9.11.91 at 9.30 a.m. The following members were present:

Swami Harshanandji: Chairman

Sri [illegible]

Sri D Deshpande

Sri B.C.S. Narayan

Sri R. Jagannatha Rao

Sri Lal Sadhwani

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Committee passed the following resolution:

"This Committee expresses its deep sorrow

at the passing away of Revered Swami Tapasyanandaji Maharaj on the 3rd October 1991 at Madras after a protracted illness. It places on record its deep appreciation of the great services rendered by him to the Ramakrishna order and the Ramakrishna Movement."

The Committee then took up the next point in the Agenda: "The change of name of the Ashrama. After a brief discussion the Committee passed the following resolution:

"This Committee thanks the Trustees of Ramakrishna Math for having accepted its recommendatory resolution No. 1/90-91 dated 28.4.91 regarding the changing of the name of this "Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama, Bangalore" into "Ramakrishna Math, Bangalore". It advises the President,

Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama, Bangalore to take all necessary steps to implement the change of name from any suitable date to be fixed by him in consultation with the Auditor and the Advocate of the Ashrama."

Swamiji informed the members in detail about the Annual Celebrations to be held from January 1, 1992. It was also decided to have the Bhagavan Nama Annual Day on January 12, 92.

It was decided to have the next meeting on Sunday the 19th January 1992 immediately after the Annual Celebrations

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Proceedings Of The Advisory Committee Meeting Held On 18.1.1992

The members of the Advisory Committee met in the Ashrama on 18.1.92 at 9.30 a.m. The following members were present:

Swami Harsharanandaji: chairman : Swami Harsharanandaji

Sri D. Dasappa : D. Dasappa

Sri B.C.S. Narayan : B.C.S. Narayan

Sri R. Jagannatha Rao : R. Jagannatha Rao

Sri Lal Sadhwani : Lal Sadhwani

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

After the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting Swamiji explained the reason behind the calling of the "Conference of the All Karnataka Private Ramakrishna Centres and Groups".

Right from the beginning of 1980 our Headquarters had been stressing the need for the more than 2000 private Centres to have a closer contact with our various official Centres. This will give these Centres more moral support. During 1980 Rev. Swami Vireshwaranandaji Maharaj suggested that there should be Ramakrishna Bhava Prachar Parishad. We also thought that it is high time to have a preliminary conference of the centres in Karnataka.

We sent invitation to 44 private Ramakrishna Centres/groups and 41 responded; 356 delegates registered their names and 343 came and attended the meeting. We are glad to inform that 28 Centres/groups from Bangalore alone participated in the Conference.

It was decided in the conference to call a meeting of the Sat Sang groups in Bangalore for further discussions.

Our Annual Celebrations went off very well with an average daily attendance of ~~over~~ over 2000 devotees. Nearly Rs 1.75 lakh worth of books were sold during these seven days. There is more and more demand for our religious literature.

Bangalore Corporation Mayor Sri Narayana Swamy visited our Ashrama on 11.1.1992. He promised to get the advertisement board infront of the Ashrama shifted to a different location. He directed the Civil Engineer to have a road hump in front of the Ashrama to control the speed of the vehicles. He ordered that a Car-park area near the Ashrama to be arranged for the benefit of the devotees. He also asked the Engineer to take necessary steps for the completion of the covering of the corporation storm-water

drain running inside our garden.

Then the Committee passed the following resolution:

This Committee expresses its deep sorrow at the passing away of Rev. Swami Ritatmanandaji Maharaj, aged 94, at our Ulsoor Ashrama after a protracted illness. It places on record its deep appreciation of the great services rendered by him to our Order and more particularly to the Sri Ramakrishna Vidyarthi Mandiram and Ulsoor Ashrama.

It was decided to meet again at 10 a.m on Saturday the 14th March 1992.

Proceedings Of The Advisory Committee Meeting Held On 21.3.1992

The members of the Advisory Committee met in the Ashrama on 21.3.1992 at 10 a.m. The following members were present:

Swami Harshanandaji - chairman : Swami Harshanandaji

Sri D. Dasappa : D. Dasappa

Sri B.C.S. Narayan : B.C.S. Narayan

Sri R. Jagannatha Rao : R. Jagannatha Rao

Sri Lal Sadhwani : Lal Sadhwani

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Rev. Swami Rangarathanandaji Maharaj, Vice-President, Ramakrishna Math and Ramakrishna Mission visited Bangalore Ashrama on March 14, 1992 on his way to Thiruvalla. The Advisory Committee

meeting which was scheduled for the 14th was post-poned to March 21st because of his visit.

As decided earlier by the Committee, the name of our Bangalore Centre will be changed from Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama to Ramakrishna Math with effect from April 1, 1992. Swamiji told the members that he has already written letters to this effect to Banks, Post office, U.T.I; Insurance Companies and others concerned.

On Shivaratri Day nearly 3000 devotees participated in the special puja and bhajan. The function started at 5.30 in the evening and went upto 9.30 p.m.

Sri Ramakrishna Birthday was attended by 2500 devotees in the morning and 2750 people in the evening.

The Committee then took up the next item in the Agenda: A small play about the life and teachings of Sri Ramakrishna as screened by the Bangalore Doordarshan. Swamiji told the members that a letter by a group of prominent citizens of Bangalore was handed over to the Assistant Director, Bangalore Doordarshan by Sri R. Seetharama Iyer and Sri Krishnamurthy. It was also decided to get a copy of the play as screened by the Door Darshan for Critical review.

It was then decided to approach one or two land-scaping experts to prepare a plan and execute it for the beautification of the Ashrama by planting trees, creepers, small plants etc. Swamiji informed the members that two experts have agreed to visit the Ashrama and give a master plan by the end of April so as to execute the work during the ensuing rainy season.

Sri Ramakrishna Vidyarthi Mandiram Annual Day Mandiram Day — was celebrated on Sunday the 9th Feb. 1992. Sri Sridhar, Principal, Ramakrishna Institute of Moral and Spiritual Education, Mysore presided over the function.

The morning session was attended by more than 125 old students and devotees. There was a small memorial meeting to pay tributes to Rev. Swami Ritatmanandaji Maharaj who was instrumental in the construction of the new spacious Vidyarthi Mandiram. It was decided to create an endowment in his memory the interest of which will be utilized for:

i. Conduct competitions in Vedic Chanting for school children

ii. Conduct competitions in Vedic chanting for the Veda Pathashala boys.

iii. Institute scholarships to poor, meritorious students of the Mandiram

iv give scholarships to Veda Pathashala inmates.

Recently some new high-rise buildings have started coming up adjacent to the Ashrama. In order to protect the privacy of the Ashrama, it was felt that trees should be planted during the rainy season by the side of the compound near the Sri Ramakrishna Sabhangana.

It was decided to meet again on Saturday the 6th June 1992 at 10 a.m.

Proceedings Of The Advisory Committee Meeting Held On 22-6-1992.

The following members of the Advisory Committee met in the Ashrama on 22.6.92 at 10 a.m.

Swami Harshanandaji - Chairman : Swami Atmeshanand

Sri D. Dasappa

Sri B.C.S. Narayan

Sri R. Jagannatha Rao

Sri Lal Sadhwani

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Committee which was to meet on June 6 could not meet on that day due to unforeseen difficulties. The Committee met on June 22 at 10 a.m.

The audited accounts for the year 1991-92 were read and confirmed.

Swamiji informed the members that during Swami Chidanandaji's time there was a proposal to buy a bus with a seating capacity of 35. An amount of Rs 1,50,000 was collected for this purpose. But now the cost of such a bus will be nearly Rs 5,00,000. Apart from that, the regular use of the bus will be very limited. Hence it is now proposed instead to put the entire amount in F.D. and use the interest out of this amount for hiring a vehicle for Bhava Prachar work. This was approved by the Committee.

It was also proposed to build a fund of Rs 10,00,000 out of the profits of the book-sales section. The interest of this fund will be utilized for subsidizing books published by the Math. The proposal was appreciated and approved.

The Committee was informed that since last year we were transferring 25% of the book-sales profit towards Sadhu Seva and general maintenance of the Math. This was being done on the advise of our auditors.

The plans for greening the Math premises were ready. We have already ordered for the plants, compost etc. The work would start soon and would be completed before the end of the rainy season.

The painting work of the auditorium block was almost over and the painting work of the Temple and the Prayer Hall would be taken up immediately after the rainy season.

On Guru Purnima Day (July 14, 92) there would be a Satsang between 9 a.m and 12 noon.

Swami Ramakrishnanandaji's birthday anniversary would be celebrated on July 28, with

special puja, homa and special bhajan in the morning.

Rev. Ranganathanandaji Maharaj, Vice-President, Ramakrishna Math and Ramakrishna Mission would be visiting Bangalore on 27th of this month. Swamiji has graciously agreed to give initiation on the 30th June. Swamiji would also be visiting Mysore on the 2nd July by car and would be returning by car on the 5th July. He would be flying to Calcutta on July 6.

It was proposed to meet again on Saturday, August 22, 1992 at 10 a.m.

Minutes Of The Advisory Committee meeting held on August 29, 1992.

The committee which was to meet on August 22 could not meet on that date. It met on August 29 instead at 10.a.m.

The following members were present:

Swami Harshanandaji: chairman Swami Harshanandaji

Sri D. Dasappa

Sri B.C.S Narayana

Sri R. Jagannatha Rao R. Jagannatha Rao

Sri Lal Sadhwani.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Swamiji gave the following information to the members:

On Guru Purnima day 700 devotees attended the morning Usha Kirtan. The Sat Sangha went off

very well with the attendance of 1700 in the morning and 2000 in the evening.

Swami Ramakrishnanandaji's birthday was celebrated with the usual special puja, homa, special bhajan in the morning and talk in Kannada and a special bhajan in the evening. 550 devotees attended the usha kirtan and 2050 came for the morning function. Even though there was some rain in the evening more than 2200 devotees attended the evening function.

On Sri Krishna Janmashtami there was a special puja in the evening and nearly 2000 people came for that.

As informed earlier Rev. Ranganathanandaji Maharaj stayed in our Math for nearly a week and on this occasion he initiated 23 aspirants.

Recently 200 iron folding chairs have been bought.

During this year our Math has published the following new books:

1. Ramakrishna Puja Paddhati
2. Devarishi Narada Bhakti Sutrāgalu
3. Narada Bhakti Sutras - Ondu Adhyayana
4. Relavance of Sri Ramakrishna
5. Kalpa Taru Sri Ramakrishna

We have reprinted the following books:

1. Veera Narendra
2. Vidyarthige Ondu Patra
3. Adhyayanadalli Ekagrate
4. Dharma
5. Makkala Ramakrishna
6. Yuva Jana Shakliyu Jagratavagali
7. Visva Manava Vivekananda.

The work on the gardens and lawns in the Math is going on and the work will be over before November end.

Swamiji also informed the members that there is an urgent need for the collection of funds for the village work. Since the winding up of the Grama Kshema Trust is in the final stages, Swamiji requested the members to help the Trust in building up a Corpus of Rs 25,00,000 so that our Math will be able to run the school at the village without any financial burden. The members promised all help in this regard.

It was decided to have the next meeting on November 7, 1992 at 10 a.m.

Minutes Of The Advisory Committee Meeting Held On November 28, 1992

The Advisory Committee met on 28.11.92 at 10 a.m. The following members were present:
Swami Harshanandaji Maharaj: chairman

x Swami Harshanandaji

Sri Dasappa D
Sri Jagannatha Rao.R.
Sri Lal Sadhwani
Sri B.C.S. Narayan

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Swamiji informed the members that Revered Swami Ranganathanandaji Maharaj, Vice-President, Ramakrishna Math and Ramakrishna Mission, visited Bangalore on November 24, 1992. He went to Mysore by car the next day and returned

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back on November 30. ~~85~~ devotees took mantra diksha from him on December 1 and 2. Swamiji He left by plane on the 3rd morning.

Swamiji told the members that the Swami Vivekananda Bharata Parikrama group [organised by the Vivekananda Kendra] came to Bangalore on November 15. The Parikrama had been ~~was~~ flagged off from the Baranagore ~~Bangalore~~ Math, Calcutta on January 12, 1992. ~~and~~ After traveling the ~~breadth~~ length and ~~length~~ breadth of India the procession arrived at Bangalore on November 15. The was a public ~~function~~ meeting in the Sri Ramakrishna Sabhangana on November 16 at 6 p.m. More than 3000 people participated in the function. Swami Harshanandaji Maharaj presided over the meeting and Sri E.S. Venkata Ramaiah, (Retd. Chief Justice of India) and Smt. Lakshmi Kumari, (President, Vivekananda Kendra) spoke on that occasion. A small play by the members of the

Vivekananda Kendra was also enacted.

Swamiji informed the members that our Annual Celebrations for this year will be held from January 1, 93. A detailed programme is being worked out and the printed invitations will be sent as soon as they are ready. As usual there will be Vivekananda yuvaka Sangha and Balaka Sangha Day, a film show, Harikatha, National Youth Day, Sat-Sangha for the devotees, separate half-a-day retreats for college boys and college girls and a Bhava Prachar Samiti meeting.

Whitewashing and colouring of the Prayer Hall will be done during December, 92

During this period we have brought out the following new titles:

1. Kannada Neladalli Vivekananda
2. Sri Dakshinamurthi Stotra

We have also reprinted the following books:

Kannada:

1. Yugavatara Sri Ramakrishna Vol. II
2. Vishwa Manava Vivekananda
3. Eli, Eddeli
4. Badukalu Kaliyiri Part I
5. Badukalu Kaliyiri Part II
6. Samaya Prajne
7. Vidyarthigondu Patra
8. Adhyayanadalli Ekagrate
9. Shaktishali Vyaktitva Nirmana
10. Ganapati

English:

1. Modern Problems and Ancient Solutions
2. Secret of Concentration
3. Letter to a student
4. A Bird's Eye View of the Vedas.

Information about Holy Mother's Birthday, which falls on December 16, 1992 was also given. As usual there will be arati, homa and special bhajan in the morning. The evening function will be held in Sri Ramakrishna Sabhangana with arati, special bhajan and a discourse on Holy Mother.

It was proposed to meet again during February 1993.

Minutes Of The Advisory Committee Meeting Held On March 13, 1993

The Advisory Committee met on 13.3.93 at 10 a.m. The following members were present:

Swami Harshanandaji Maharaj: Chairman

x Swami Harshanandaji

Sri D. Dasappa

Sri R. Jagannatha Rao

Sri Lal Sadhwani

Sri B.C.S. Narayana

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Swamiji informed the members that the Annual Public Celebrations started with Kalpataru Day on Friday January 1, 1993. More than 1500 devotees attended the morning function. In the evening there was a Hindustani Music Programme by Sri Balachandra Nakod

On Saturday, the Centenary Celebrations of Swami Vivekananda's visit to Bangalore" was inaugurated at 5.30 p.m by Sri E.S. Venkataramaiah, Retd. chief Justice of India. The function was presided over by Rev. Swami Gautamanandaji Maharaj, Secretary, Ramakrishna Mission Saradapitha, Belur Math.

On 3.1.93, there was a Seminar on Swami Vivekananda and Rev. Swami Gautamanandaji Maharaj chaired the Seminar.

Next day we had the Anniversary of Vivekananda Balaka Sangha and Vivekananda yuvaka Sangha. Sri Somasekhar, Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore Urban District was the chief Guest.

As usual, we had the Harikatha by Sant Bhadragiri Achyuta Dasji on Sant Tukaram on 5th January. There was a gathering of about 3000 devotees who listened with rapt attention.

This year we had the film show on "Sri Ramakrishna" for two days and more than 3000 people enjoyed the screening and especially the commentary in Kannada by Swami Harsharanandaji.

The Satsanga for the devotees was held on 9.1.93 and more than 2500 devotees participated.

This year, instead of having the Youth Day, we had two separate spiritual retreats: one for college girls in the morning on 12.1.93 and another for college boys in the evening on the same day. More than 390 girls and 300 boys took part in the retreat. It was also felt that such retreats should be conducted at least thrice a year.

On Thursday, the 14th January, the 131st Birthday Tithipuja of Swami Vivekananda was celebrated. As usual there was Ushakirtan and Vedaghosha in the morning which was attended by nearly 700 devotees. At 7.15 in the morning there was special puja followed by Homa and Bhajan. More than 2500 devotees gathered in the

morning. There were devotional songs, arati and a talk in Kannada by Swami Harshanandaji in the evening followed by special bhajan. More than 2500 devotees attended the evening function.

The celebrations came to a close with the Conference of Private Ramakrishna Centres and Groups on 17.1.93. Nearly 415 members attended the conference which gave them a brief guidelines for their further programmes. As advised last year nearly 13 groups have registered themselves as Registered Societies and a few more will do so soon. Many expressed that a separate conference should be held for a much smaller group and especially for the Registered Societies. It was also felt that such conferences will help in forming a Bhava Prachar Parishat at a later date.

Swamiji told the members that the white washing and colouring of the prayer hall is over and the repair work of the shrine block may be taken up after the celebrations.

Swamiji also informed the members that a committee of nearly 20 devotees has been formed for the Souvenir collection work. The members promised to do their best.

It was decided to have the next meeting during April.

Minutes Of The Advisory Committee Meeting Held On May 4, 1993

The Advisory Committee met in the Ashram premises on May 4, 1993 at 8 p.m. The following members were present.

Swami Harshanandaji Maharaj: chairman

× Swami Harshanandaji

Sri D. Dasappa

Sri R. Jagannatha Rao

Sri Lal Sadhwani

Sri B.C.S. Narayana

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Swamiji gave the following brief report about the visit of Rev. Swami Atmasthanandaji Maharaj and Rev. Swami Prabhanandaji Maharaj:

Swami Atmasthanandaji Maharaj, General Secretary, Ramakrishna Math and Ramakrishna Mission visited Bangalore with Swami Prabhanandaji Maharaj, Assistant Secretary on April 7, 1993 and stayed here upto 11th April. They visited our Shivanahalli project on 8.4.93 at 8 a.m and Swami Atmasthanandaji Maharaj distributed free uniforms to all the children and gave a short talk in Hindi to the chidren. Swami Prabhanandaji also talked to the children in English. Both the talks were later translated into Kannada by Swami Harshanandaji for the benefit of the children. After visiting our farm at Shivanahalli, they returned back at 1 p.m. They enjoyed their visit immensely and appreciated very much the progress the Math has achieved in all the fields of activities. They promised all help and speed up the process of taking over the activities of the Ramakrishna Grama Kshema Trust.

They also visited Mysore for a day on the 9th Apr and returned back to Calcutta by flight on 11.4.93. We all enjoyed their company and many long pending requests of the Math also have been conceded. The General Secretary Maharaj was very sympathetic and listened patiently to all our difficulties and promised all possible help.

Swami Purushottamanandaji has been appointed as the head of our Ponnampet Ashrama and he proposes to leave for Ponnampet on 16th May by car. The Committee unanimously passed the following resolution:

"This Committee places on record, its deep appreciation of the yeomen services rendered by Swami Purushottamanandaji Maharaj to this Math for over thirty years, especially in the fields of Bhajans, religious discourses, organizing

the activities of the Vivekananda Balaka Sangha and the Vivekananda yuvaka Sangha as also spreading the message of Ramakrishna-Vivekananda throughout Karnataka, through his speeches and writings. On the occassion of his transfer now to Ponnampet as the President of the Ramakrishna Sharadashrama there, the Committee wishes him good health and long life to continue his services for many more years."

The Conference of the initiated devotes was were held on 8th and 9th May and 900 devotees attended the Conference.

The Special Bhajan programme arranged on the evening of 9th May attracted many devotees and Swami Purushottamanandaji; even though suffering from ill health, conducted the Bhajan.

The total sale of books during this year [92-93] is Rs. 29,93,026.90 and the corresponding figure for last year was Rs. 21,11,570. Our sales prove that our Math Centre is attracting more and more people and many are getting in touch with the Ramakrishna-Vivekananda thought current.

During this year the Math has reprinted the following books:

Saswara Udakashanti Prayoga
Dhyana Mattu Adhyatmika Jeevana
Badukalu Kaliyeve. — Part I

Kannada Neladalli Vivekanandaru, a new book in Kannada, has also been published by us during this period.

It was decided to meet again during the last week of July.

Minutes Of The Advisory Committee Meeting Held On July 24, 1993.

The Advisory Committee met in the Math premises on July 24, 1993 at 10 a.m. The following members were present:

Swami Harshanandaji: chairman

x Swami Ravanananda

Sri D. Dasappa

Sri Lal Sadhwani

Sri B.C.S. Narayana

Sri R. Jagannatha Rao R. Jagannatha Rao

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The audited statement of accounts for the year 1992-93 were read.

Swamiji informed the members that on Guru Purnima Day 500 devotees attended the morning

Mangalarati and nearly 1500 people attended the evening function.

On Swami Ramakrishnanandaji's Birthday more than 1700 devotees participated in the morning function.

As usual the evening function had been organised at the Ramakrishna Sabhangana which was attended by nearly 1800 devotees.

Sri N. S. Bharath, who was helping all our Ashramas in Karnataka in general and Bangalore and Mysore Centres in particular, in various ways, passed away recently. He was instrumental in getting many Government Grants for various projects including the construction of Sri Ramakrishna Vidyarthi Mandiram and our Prayer Hall.

Sri Padmanabhan of Sri Sharada Devi Andhara Vikasa Kendra, Shimoga met with an accident and died on the spot. He was

instrumental in the building up of the Andhara Vikasa Kendra. He had his training in our Narendrapur School for the Blind and was very closely connected with our Ashrama

We pray to the Lord to give peace to their Souls.

Swamiji gave the committee a synopsis of the programme of the Centenary Celebrations of Swami Vivekananda's Address at the Chicago Parliament of Religions.

During the period the Math brought out the following new books:

1. Ramakrishna Upanishad in Sanskrit
2. Ramakrishna Mathada Aratrika Ganagalu in Kannada

The following books were re-printed:

1. Yuvajana Shaktiyu Jagrutavagali in Kannada
2. Vidyarthigagi in Kannada
3. Letters to a student in English

It was decided the meet again during the last week of September 1993.

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Minutes Of The Advisory Commitee Meeting Held On September 29, 1993

The Adsiory Committee met in the Math premises on September 29, 1993 at 11 a.m. The following members were present:

Swami Harshanandaji: Chairman

Swami Harshanandaji

Sri D. Dasappa

Sri Lal Sadhwani

Sri B.C.S. Narayan

Sri R. Jagannatha Rao. R. Jagannatha Rao

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

This year also we celebrated the Ganesh Chaturthi with the usual puja and special bhajans in the evening. After the special bhajans the immersion ceremony took place. More than 350 devotees

attended the evening special puja and bhajans.

Swamiji told the members that of late the problem of theft of cycles is on the increase and very recently two of our yuvaka Sangha boys have lost their new cycles. Swamiji informed them about the need for a separate stand for the cycle with a provision for a watchman to look after them during the evening times, especially during lecture days and on celebration days.

Swamiji then gave the members details about the "Celebrations of the Centenary of Swamiji's Address at the Chicago Parliament of Religions." He told them that the details will be worked out soon and this year we will be having the Celebrations upto January 13, 1994. We will be requesting Rev. Swami Ranganathanandaji Maharaj to be the chief guest for the Inaugural

Day functions. Plans are also there to invite our Swami Atmasthanandaji Maharaj, General Secretary and also Swami Prabhanandaji Maharaj, Assistant Secretary for the celebrations.

Swamiji informed the members that we are trying our best to sell the Koramangala House gifted by a devotee to the Math. Many people came forward to buy it but in the last minute backed out due to some problem or the other. He requested the members to help the Math in selling the house.

It was decided to have the next meeting during December 1993.

Minutes Of The Advisory Committee Meeting Held On 11-12-1993.

The Advisory Committee met at 10 a.m and the following members were present:

Swami Harshanandaji Maharaj: President
: Swami Harshanandaji

Sri D. Dasappa
Sri Lal Sadhwani
Sri B.C.S. Narayan
Sri R. Jagannatha Rao.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Swamiji told the members that the collections for the Souvenir for the last three months have practically come to a trickle and the amount collected so for is Rs 7.25 lakhs. He requested the

members to help for more collections to achieve the target of Rs 10 lakhs. He further informed the members that the Souvenir will be released during the taking over of the Trust by the Math during February, 1994.

He also gave them details of the Annual Celebrations Programmes. This year the Centenary Celebrations of Swami Vivekananda's Chicago Addresses and the Annual Celebrations will be held together for 13 days from January 1, 1994.

Swamiji further told them that Rev. Swami Gahanananda ji Maharaj, Vice-President, Ramakrishna Math and Ramakrishna Mission may be visiting Bangalore during May, 1994. Further details about his tour programme will be chalked out as soon as we hear from him.

It was decided to meet again in February after the Annual Celebrations.

Minutes Of The Advisory Committee Meeting Held On February 25, 94

The Advisory Committee met at 11 a.m on February 25, 94 and the following members were present.

Swami Harshanandaji : Chairman.

Swami Harshanandaji

Sri D. Dasappa

Sri. Lal Sadhwani

Sri B.C.S. Narayan

Sri R. Jagannatha Rao

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Swami Harshanandaji gave a brief report of the Annual Celebrations held in January 94 The attendance for the whole celebrations was very good, varying from two to three thousand. And

especially for the Balaka Sangha day more than 3000 people attended the drama, Kolata etc. There was a good gathering ~~of~~ on all the other days. The youth Retreat on the 12th January was a sucess, beyond our expectations. The whole celebration went off very well.

During this period we were able to sell Rs. 3 Lakhs worth of books and religious articles like audio cassettes, photos etc. There was a special discount of 10% on all the articles thus sold.

Swamiji told the members that on Swami Vivekananda's birth day for the early morning arati more than 600 people were present. The attendance for the afternoon homa, special bhajan was 2200. In the evening, as usual, we had special bhajans and a special discourse in Kannada in the Ramakrishna Sabhangana. Nearly 2000 devotees attended the function.

Swamiji also informed the members that the Trustees of the Ramakrishna Math and Ramakrishna Mission have finally approved of the taking over of the activities of the Ramakrishna Grama Kshema Trust by the Ramakrishna Mission. We have already filed a revision petition in the Civil Court for its approval and are expecting the ~~ap~~ order soon. As soon as we get it we have plans to invite our General Secretary Maharaj for the taking over function" he said.

Swamiji told the Committee that a Special Committee consisting of Rev. Swamis Smaranandaji, Tattwabodhanandaji and Gautamanandaji visited Bangalore on 4th February 1994 and had a series of meetings. The Committee came for the explicit purpose of finding out the possibility of publishing

a Kannada Magazine. It has already submitted its report to our Head Quarters.

It was informed that the term of the present Advisory Committee would expire on 31-3-1994 and that the election of the New Advisory Committee will be held on Sunday the 3rd April, 1994 at 9 a.m.

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Minutes Of The Advisory Committee Meeting Held On 17.4.94

The Advisory Committee of the Math met on 17.4.94 at 11.30 a.m. The following members [old and new] were present:

Swami Harshanandaji: chairman

. Swami Harshanandaji

old Members: Present as special Invitees:

Sri D. Dasappa

Sri Lal Sadhwani

Sri B.C.S. Narayan

Sri R. Jagannatha Rao. R. Jagannatha Rao

New Members:

Sri Bhaskar Manay

Sri K.T. Surendra

Sri M.V. Govinda Setty

Sri R. Suresh

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Swamiji thanked the out-going members for their excellent co-operation and especially their 100% attendance all these three years, in spite of increasing the number of meetings from four per year to six. He requested the new members to follow this good tradition. Swamiji requested the out-going members to continue their co-operation in all the activities of the Math.

Swamiji informed the members that this year the sale of books and religious articles is about Rs 30 lakhs. Eleven Kannada and four English books were reprinted. The Math published during this year the following new Books:

Kannada - four

English and Sanskrit - one each.

Swamiji told the members about the necessity of raising the compound wall of the Math and also of the S.R.V.M. Of late the intrusion of the outsiders ~~have~~ has become more due to this short compound wall and it is felt that we have to take proper precaution by raising the height of the present wall.

On the advise of our Head Quarters it has been decided to take over the activities of the Grama Krshema Trust by the Mission and accordingly the Trust has already applied to the Civil Court to get the necessary rectifications of its earlier order. We are expecting the order very soon. Further action will be taken in this direction soon after that.

It was decided to meet again during the second week of June 1994.

Minutes Of The Advisory Committee Meeting Held On June 11, 94

The Advisory Committee of the Math met at 10 a.m. and the following members were present:

Swami Harshanandaji: Chairman

Swami Harshanandaji

Sri M.V. Govinda Setty — M.V. Govinda Setty

Dr. K.T. Surendra — K.T. Surendra

Sri Bhaskar Manay — Bhaskar Manay

Sri R. Suresh — R. Suresh

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The audited statement of accounts for the year ending March 31, 1994 were placed before the committee. Swamiji read out a brief report about the total financial position of the Math and all its activities as on 31.3.1994.

Swamiji informed the members the necessity of raising the compound all round the Math premises and especially near the Kohinoor play ground and also near the Corner of the Vidyarthi Mandiram. It was decided to request Sri Bhaskar Manay to go round the premises and suggest a viable way of raising the compound. He agreed to go round the entire area and do the needful survey.

The members were informed that the work of the repairing and relaying of the garden steps has already been taken-up and it will be over soon.

Swamiji informed the members that Rev. Swami Gahanananda ji Maharaj, Vice-President, Ramakrishna Math and Ramakrishna Mission will be visiting the Bangalore Math Centre on August 7th and will be here for three days upto 9th August. Swamiji further told them that Rev. Maharaj has kindly

agreed to give initiation to a few deserving devotees who seek initiation on the 8th.

Swamiji told the Committee that the Guru Poornima falls on the July 22, 1994 and a special Sat Sanga in the morning has been arranged. He also told them that the Birthday of Swami Ramakrishnanandaji Maharaj falls on the 5th August. Swamiji informed the Committee that there will be the usual Usha kirtan, Vedic chanting, Special Puja with the Homa in the noon and a special function in the evening in the Ramakrishna Sabhangana.

A Bhakta Sammelana was proposed by the members and it was decided to have it on the 14th and 15th August, 1994. It was further decided to limit the members to 600 on each day.

It was decided to have the next meeting during the third week of August, 1994.

Minutes Of The Advisory Committee Meeting Held On 13.8.94

The Advisory Committee of the Math met on August 13, 1994 at 9 a.m. and the following members were present:

Swami Harshanandaji: chairman
Swami Harshanandaji

Sri M.V. Govinda Setty: M.V. G Setty

Dr. K.T. Surendra: K T Surendra

Sri Bhaskar Manay: Bhaskar Manay

Sri R. Suresh: : R. Suresh

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Swamiji told the members that on Guru Purnima Day on 22-7-94 nearly 475 devotees attended the early morning Mangalarati. In the evening there was a Sat Sanga in the Sri Ramakrishna Sabhangana and more than 1500 people participated

in it. Swami Muktirupanandaji, President, Sri Ramakrishna Math, Ooty delivered a special discourse.

On Swami Ramakrishnanandaji's birthday nearly 520 devotees came for the Mangalarati. In the noon more than 1800 people attended the special bhajan, homa and arati. As usual we had a special function in the evening in the Sri Ramakrishna Sabhangana which was attended by 1500 devotees.

On 14th & 15th August we had Bhakta Sammelan. On the 14th the attendance was 580 and 347 initiated devotees attended the 15th Sammelan. The whole function went off very well.

Swamiji informed that the repair work of the garden steps which was long overdue has been completed. Though the need for this repair work was felt for a long time, it could not be taken up for various reasons. Now more devotees can attend the

immersion ceremony of the Ganesha during the Ganesha Chaturti.

The members discussed about the raising of the compound wall all around the Math and the Mandiram premises and it was felt that this work has to be taken up in a phased manner so as to complete the work in a span of three-four years. Sri Bhaskar Manay has agreed to give a design for the wire-fencing on the top of the wall. It is estimated that the whole work may cost about Rs 4 lakhs.

Swamiji told the Committee that Rev. Vice President Maharaj came on 7th morning from Coimbatore by train and was with us for two days. He was kind enough to give mantra diksha to 103 people on 8.8.94. He gave a special discourse on 7th evening on "Swami Vivekananda on Education"

He left for Mysore on the 9th morning by Car.

It was decided to replace all our old Prayer Hall Carpets which have become worn out. They were bought during 1970's

During this period the Math reprinted 2 Kannada and two English books. The Trustees of Belur Math have now resolved that there should be only one Kannada Publication Centre and they have decided to make our Mysore Centre as the Kannada Publication Centre. Accordingly it was decided to hand over all our Kannada books to Mysore for reprinting, as and when they get exhausted.

Swamiji further informed the members that a Sat Sanga for the devotees was held on Sunday, the 26th June, 1994. The Sat Sanga started at 9 a.m and went upto 12.30 p.m. More than 900 devotees participated in the Sat Sanga. There was

the usual Nama Sankirtana, a ~~small~~ short discourse with question and answer and Sri Sarada Devi Ashtotra Archana. Majority of the participants expressed their desire to have more such Sat Sangas atleast once in three months.

It was decided to meet again on Saturday the 8th October, 1994 at 9 a.m.

Minutes Of The Advisory Committee Meeting Held On 8.10.94

The Advisory Committee of the Math met on 8.10.94 at 9 a.m and the following members were present.

Swami Harshanandaji : Vice chairman
: Swami Harshanandaji

Sri M.V. Govinda Setty : M. V. Govinda Setty
Sri K.T. Surendra K. T. Surendra
Sri Bhaskar Manay Bhaskar Manay
Sri R. Suresh R. Suresh.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Swamiji told the members that on Ganesh Chaturthi there was a special puja in the morning at 8.00 and more than 100 devotees participated in the puja. There was a special discourse in the evening

at 5-45 and the special bhajan went upto 8 p.m. Immediately after the bhajan the immersion ceremony took place and more than 700 devotees participated in the function. The ~~special~~ stone steps leading to the lake-garden were inaugurated during this occasion:

Swamiji further informed that Rev. Atmasthanandaji Maharaj visited Bangalore on his way to Mysore on 3rd october and went to Mysore the same day. He returned back to Bangalore on the 6th morning and left for Calcutta by the 7th morning flight.

This year also we had special homa and bhajan at our Ulsoor branch on the 12th morning. On the 13rd we had our usual special puja, homa and special bhajan at our Main Math Centre. More than 250 devotees attended the morning mangalarati. For the special puja and homa the

number of devotees present was 2500. There was a gathering of 850 people in the evening. The whole function went off very well.

We have at long last got the Court Order permitting the Sri Ramakrishna Grama Kshema Trust to transfer all its activities, assets and liabilities to Ramakrishna Mission. We have sent the Court Order to our Head Quarters for further action. We have also approached the Government of Karnataka for the transfer of the 22 acres of Government Grant land to Ramakrishna Mission instead of Ramakrishna Math. We are planning to have a function for the "Formal Transfer of the Activities of the Sri Ramakrishna Grama Kshema Trust to the Ramakrishna Mission during the Annual Public Celebrations in January 1995.

Swamiji told the members that the Head Quarters have now decided to transfer all our Kannada Publications to our Mysore Publication Centre. Hereafter all the Kannada books will be published by our Mysore Centre only.

It was decided to meet again during the last week of November, 1994.

Minutes Of The Advisory Committee Meeting Held On 30.12.1994.

The Advisory Committee of the [illegible] Math met on 30.12.94 at 9.30 a.m. and the following members were present.

Swami Harshanandaji: Chairman

× Swami Harshanandaji

Sri M.V. Govinda Setty: M.V. Govinda Setty

Sri K.T. Surendra: K.T. Surendra

Sri Bhaskar Manay: Bhaskar Manay

Sri R. Suresh: R. Suresh

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Swamiji informed the members that the Holy Mother's Jayanti went off very well. More than 300 devotees attended the Usha Kirtan. For the Homa

and bhajan in the afternoon nearly 2800 people were present. We had as usual special bhajan and a short discourse in the evening which was attended by more than 2000 devotees.

The Christmas Eve was celebrated on the 24th December evening with the usual lighting of the candles, special bhajan, etc. There was a gathering of more than 700 devotees for the function.

Swamiji gave them details of the Annual Public Celebrations. It will be a 7-day function. The programme will include harikatha, instrumental music, special bhajans apart from talks.

Swamiji informed the members about the delay in getting the Government order for the transfer of 22 acres of Government land from the Sri Ramakrishna Grama Kshema Trust to the Ramakrishna Mission. Because of this we have to

postpone the function of the formal Transfer of the Sri Ramakrishna Grama Kshema Trust to the Ramakrishna Misscion. Rev. Atmasthanandaji Maharaj and Rev. Prabhanandaji Maharaj have promised to come to Bangalore for the function which will be held in all probabilities in during the last week of March 1995. We are trying to get the Goverment order as early as possible.

It was decided to meet again during the last week of February 1995.

Minutes Of The Meeting Held On 4.3.1995

The Advisory Committee of the Math met at the Math premises on 13.3.1995 at 8.30 am and the following members were present:

Swami Harshanandaji: chairman
x Swami Harshanandaji

Sri Bhaskar Manay — Bhaskar Manay
Sri M.V. Govinda Setty — M.V. Govinda
Dr. K.T. Surendra — K.T. Surendra
Sri R. Suresh — R. Suresh.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Swamiji informed the members that the Annual Celebrations went off very well. The average attendance was 2000 every day. On the Vivekananda Balaka Sangha Day on Wednesday

the 4th January, more than 2500 people attended the function. On friday the 6th January 1995 for the Harikatha the attendance was 4000.

As part of our Annual Celebrations, we had the concluding programme of the Centenary of Swami Vivekananda's Addresses at the Chicago Parliament of Religions on Monday the 2nd January 1995. More than 2000 people attended the function. Four students spoke on that day and it was greatly appreciated.

On the 3rd we had a very simple function at the village. Due to the delay in getting the Government Order for the transfer of the lands, the formal transfer of the "Sri Ramakrishna Grama Kshema Trust" to the Ramakrishna Mission was postponed. The local MLA, Sri Y. Ramakrishna presided over the functionwhich was attended by

nearly 3000 people. All were provided with lunch.

Swamiji's Birthday on January 23, 1995 went off very well - More than 550 devotees attended the morning Usha Kirtan. Nearly 2100 people attended the Homa and the special bhajan at noon. The evening prayer was attended by nearly 2000 devotees.

Our Head Quarters have already passed a resolution for the starting of a new Ramakrishna Mission Centre at Shivanahalli. We have approached the State Government for the Stamp-Duty Exemption and are expecting the orders very soon. After getting the orders, we propose to invite our General Secretary for the Inaugural Function.

Sri Ramakrishna Jayanti was celebrated on the 3rd March 1995. About 840 devotees attended the morning Usha Kirtan and the noon attendance for the Homa and the Bhajan was 3300. As usual we had a

special talk on Sri Ramakrishna in the evening and also a special bhajan which were attended by nearly 2300 people.

Swamiji informed the members that we have to raise the compound wall all around the Math. Sri Bhaskar Maray has agreed to provide the design for the Iron structure to be fixed above the wall.

It was decided to meet again during the last week of April 1995.

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Minutes Of The Advisory Committee Meeting Held On 7.6.1995.

The Advisory Committee of the Math met on 7.6.95 at 9 am and the following members were present:

Swami Harshanandaji : Chairman

Swami Harshanandaji

Sri Bhaskar Manay : B. Bhaskar Manay

Sri M.V. Govinda Setty : M.V. G Setty

Sri (Dr) K.T Surendra : K. T. Surendra

Sri R. Suresh : R Suresh

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

A brief report about our Statement of Accounts for the financial year ending on March 31, 1995 was read and confirmed.

Swami Harshanandaji informed the members that the State Government has finally

given the Stamp Duty Exemption for the transfer of the immovable properties of the Grama Kshema Trust to the Ramakrishna Mission, Belur Math, Dt. Howrah. A copy of the order has already been sent to the Headquarters We are now waiting for the ordinance liberalising the transfer of Agricultural land to Non-agriculturists After that a date, preferably a Sunday, along with a detailed programme for the Inaugural Function of the Ramakrishna Mission, Shivanahalli, can be fixed up.

Swamiji gave a short report about the Bhakta Sammelan which was held on the 13th and the 14th May 1995. A total of 900 initiated disciples attended the function. It was decided to prepare a list of initiated disciples with their complete address, year of initiation and their Guru. It was also proposed to have such Sammelans at least twice a year and also for the whole day instead of

for half-a-day.

Sri Shankar Manay has fabricated a model of the framework to be fixed on the compound. A few modifications were suggested and it was proposed to start the work at an early date.

It was decided to have the next meeting by the end of July 1995.

Minutes Of The Meeting Held On 30.7.1995 At 8 A.M.

The Advisory Committee of the Math met on 30.7.95 at 8 a.m and the following members were present:

Swami Harshanandaji : chairman
Swami Harshanandaji

Sri Bhaskar Manay — Bhaskar Manay
Sri M.V. Govinda Setty — M.V.G Setty
Sri (Dr) K.T. Surendra — K.T. Surendra
Sri R. Suresh — R. Suresh.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Swami Harshanandaji informed the members that on Guru Purnima Day 300 devotees attended the morning mangarati. In the evening there was a Spiritual Retreat in the Sri Ramakrishna Sabhangana between 5.30 p.m an 8.00 p.m. Because of the

monsoon season only 1500 people were expected. But nearly 1800 devotees attended the Retreat. Swami Subhatmanandaji of Mysore (RIMSE) spoke in Kannada on that occasion.

Swami Ramakrishnanandaji's birthday went off very well. The early morning Mangalarati was attended by 300 devotees and for the Homa and the special Bhajan the number of devotees was 1800. There was no rain during the whole day. About 1600 devotees attended the evening function. Now-a-days more and more new people are coming for these functions.

Swamiji told the committee that the Vedic chanting classes that are being conducted for the Viveka Balaka Sangha boys have kindled some interest among the elders also. There is a plan to start a separate class for these elders

twice a week, in the early morning.

Swamiji informed them that the Math has planned to start an Audio-Cassette Library on August 2, 1995. The Library will has cassettes of lectures by Swamijis of our Order and also a few cultural cassettes like Bhajans, Harikatha etc.

The Math will be getting a new Maruti Van today. The old Ambassador car was sold for Rs 55,000.

Sri Bhaskar Manay, Sri Madana Gopal and Br. Arun went to Bhavani recently to place orders for new carpets for our Prayer Hall. It may cost nearly Rs 20,000. We are expecting them by the end of August, 1995.

During this period our Math has published 2 new English Booklets and reprinted 2 English Booklets and a Kannada Book.

Swamiji also informed the members that at long last, the Corporation has taken up the covering of the storm-water-drain running in the middle of our Math garden. The work is expected to be over by the end of August.

The members were given details about the proposed visit of Rev. Swami Ranganathanandaji Maharaj on August 19, 1995. Rev. Maharaj is coming as a special invitee for the Silver Jubilee of the Sri Ramakrishna Nursing Home. Rev. Swamiji will be initiating a few devotees on the 22nd. He will be leaving for Madras on the 24th. Rev. Maharaj has kindly agreed to deliver a talk on the Bhagavatam, on the 19th August.

It was decided to meet again by the end of September, 1995.

Minutes Of The Meeting Held On November 4, 1995.

The Advisory Committee of the Math met on 4.11.95 at 8.30 a.m and the following members were present.

Swami Harshanandaji: Chairman — Swami Harshanandaji

Sri Bhaskar Manay — Bhaskar Manay

Sri M.V. Govinda Setty — M.V. Govinda Setty

Sri (Dr.) K.T. Surendra — K.T. Surendra

Sri R. Suresh — R. Suresh

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed:

The members were informed that on Sri Durga Pujaji nearly 450 devotees attended the early morning mangalarati. For the noon special puja, Rina and special bhajans. The

attendance was 2800. The weather was very clear in the evening and the evening function went off very well with a gathering of nearly 2600.

Sri Kali Puja was celebrated as usual with special bhajans upto 8.30 p.m. Earthen lamps were lighted in front of Kali's photo and also in front of the prayer hall. Nearly 750 devotees attended the evening function.

The committee was informed about the New Karnataka Land Reforms Amendment. This amendment allows even educational institutions to acquire agricultural lands upto 40 acres. We are awaiting the relevant rules for applying for permission to acquire the agricultural lands standing in the names of the two devotees of the Math

at Shivanahalli. After this a formal inaugural function for the blessing of the new Mission Centre at Shivanahalli will be held. For this our General Secretary Maharaj has kindly accepted to come.

The members were informed that the Math has plans to give one set of uniforms to all the school children at Shivanahalli and that the cost will be about Rs 25,000. Sri Bhaskar Manoj, Sri Govinda Shetty and Dr. Surendra have readily agreed to donate their mite. It was decided to approach a few more also for this project.

Swamiji informed the members that there is a sudden fall in the monthly shrine offering box collections. All possible precautionary measures are being taken.

The members were told that recently the Math has bought a new Maruti Van at a cost of Rs 2,02,000 and also a complete set of Carpets for the prayer hall at a cost of Rs 20,000. Sri Bhaskar Nanay and Dr. Surendra have donated Rs 5000 each towards the cost of these carpets. The old car was sold for Rs 56,000/-

Swamiji informed the Committee the work of Covering the Storm-water drain running through the Math garden has been completed by the Corporation. This work was taken up during the first week of August.

During this period the Math has published 4 new books and reprinted two English books.

Swamiji then gave the details about our Annual Celebrations to be held from January 1, 96 to 7th January, 1996. This year also we will be having a special spiritual retreat for the College students on the 7th January. As usual we have arranged a Harikatha and also a special Bhajan programme.

It was decided to meet again during January 1996.

Minutes Of The Advisory Committee Meeting Held On 15.2.1996

The Advisory Committee of the Math met on 15-2-96 at 8.30 a.m in the Math premises and the following members were present.

Swami Harshanandaji Chairman.

× Swami Harshanandaji

Sri Bhaskar Manay

Sri M.V. Govinda Setty

Dr. K.T. Surendra

Sri R. Suresh

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

A brief report of the Annual Celebrations was given to the members. Every day on an average 2500 devotees attended the function. On the

Kalpataru Day — January 1, 1996 — nearly 3000 devotees came for the function. The Harikatha by Sri Achyuta Dasa on the 6th January was attended by 3400 people. More than 2500 devotees enjoyed the Balaka Sangha Day with the usual drama enacted by the members. The Drama was very much appreciated by all. The half-a-day retreats for the college boys and girls on the 7th evoked much enthusiasm amongst the youngsters. It was very much felt that more of these retreats will be of great benefit to these students. Many suggested to conduct such retreats for others also.

Holy Mother's Birth Anniversary, which was celebrated on the 14th December was very well attended and the attendance details are: Morning Mangalarati 560, Noon and evening

function 1950 and 1400 respectively.

Swamiji's birth day was celebrated on the 13th January 1996. For the morning Usha Kirtan 450 devotees came. 2200 devotees attended the noon function and the special bhajan and the lecture was attended by 1200 people. The whole function went off very well.

The work of raising the compound wall all around the Math has started. Necessary angles and square reods will be procured in a month's time. We hope to finish the work before the onset of the ~~monsoon~~ rains.

Swamiji informed the members about our Head Quarter's decision to acquire Swami Vivekananda's ancestral

home in Calcutta. He requested the members to raise as much donation as possible along with their contribution for this noble venture.

During this period the Math has reprinted 5 booklets.

The members were told that it has been decided to give 50% Subsidy on Vachana Veda. This scheme will continue till the end of March 1997.

It was decided to meet again by the end of March 1996.

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Minutes Of The Meeting Held On 30.3.1996

The Advisory Committee of the Math met on 30.3.96 at 8.30 a.m in the Math premises and the following members were present.

Swami Harshanandaji: Chairman Swami Harshanandaji

Dr. K.T. Surendra:

Sri Bhaskar Nanay Bhaskar Nanay

Sri M.V. Govinda Setty M.V. Govinda Setty

Sri R. Suresh: R. Suresh.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Swamiji informed the members that on Shivaratri nearly 2000 devotees attended the special puja in the evening. It was more than our expectation.

Sri Ramakrishna's birth anniversary was celebrated on the 20th February with the usual homa, special bhajan and a lecture in the evening. More than 550 devotees attended the morning Usha Kirtan. In the ~~evening~~ noon and in the evening there was a very good gathering of nearly 2650 and 2000 devotees respectively. Even though it was a week day the devotees came in very large numbers.

We have already procured the angles and square rods for nearly 125 frames for the compound wall. The frames are also being made here and the work will be over before the end of June 96.

Swamiji gave the members a synopsis of our statement of receipts and payments for the nine months ending December 1995.

This year 25 scholarships of Rs 500 each were given to deserving students studying in medical, engineering, agriculture and other courses. This year

nearly 250 applications were received for this scholarship.

During this period the Math ~~for~~ published four new English books.

It was decided to meet again by the first week of May 1996.

MINUTES OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 22.5.1996

The Advisory committee of the Math met at 8.30 a.m on 22.5.1996 and the following members were present:

Swami Harshanandaji : chair man

Swami Harshanandaji

Dr. K.T Surendra — K. T. Surendra

Sri Bhaskar Manay — Bhaskar Manay

Sri M.V. Govinda Setty — M.V. Govinda

Sri R. Suresh — R. Suresh

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The committee was given a brief report about the audited statement of accounts for the accounting year 1995-96 and the audited accounts were confirmed.

The committee discussed in detail the auditors' suggestion regarding the allocation of funds for the year 1996-97 out of the surplus of the income over

the expenditure for the year 1995-96 and it was decided to allocate funds for the following items:

MATH:

	Rs.
Workers' Welfare	50,000.00
Scholarships	50,000.00
Food & fuel for Village Children	1,00,000.00
Medical aid for the poor	50,000.00
Help to Villagers for House Construction	1,00,000.00
Free distribution of our literature to Schools	1,00,000.00
Cultural & Bhava Pracar	50,000.00
	5,00,000.00

PUBLICATION:

50% subsidy on the following books to all individual buyers: Rs 3,00,000.00

Kannada: Vachana Veda, Complete Works, Lives of Sri Ramakrishna, Holy Mother and Swamiji.

English : Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna and Complete Works.
Publication of books at subsidy rate : Rs 2,00,000.00

ULSOOR :

Construction of compound wall : Rs 1,00,000.00

SRVM :

Scholarships to deserving students : Rs 2,00,000.00
General Maintenance Rs 1,00,000.00

Swamiji informed the members about the visit of Rev. Ranganathanandaji Maharaj. Rev. Maharaj came to Bangalore on the 10th April morning from Coimbatore where he had gone for a month's treatment in the Kottakal Arya Vaidyashala. He gave a discourse on Static Piety and Dynamic Spirituality in the evening. Swamiji left for Hyderabad by the next morning flight.

The members were given details about the Bhakta Sammelan which was held on Sunday the 28th April 1996. Swamis Amritanandaji, Vivekanand college, Madras and Nithyaswaranandaji, Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama, Mysore came as guest speakers. The function started at 9.15 a.m with arati, bhajan and Vedic chanting. More than 590 devotees attended the whole-day function. All were given prasada in the noon.

There was a film show on Sri Ramakrishna in the afternoon. The function came to an end at 4.45 p.m. All devotees enjoyed the serene atmosphere and felt the need for more such Sammelans.

Swamiji informed the members that there will be a small function in connection with the unveiling of the tablet for the donation

of Rs 5,00,001 given by late Balakrishna Rao Kabad in memory of his mother late Smt. Rukma Bai Kabad. The amount will be a corpus; the interest of which will be utilised for training the villagers in crafts like tailoring, weaving, incense stick manufacture, etc. All the members were invited to attend the function.

It was decided to meet again after three months.

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118 Minutes of the Advisory Committee Meeting held on 14.9.1996.

The Advisory Committee of the Math met on Saturday the 14th September 1996 at 8.30 a.m. The following members were present:

Swami Harshanandaji: Chairman

Swami Harshananda

Dr: K.T Surendra — K.T. Surendra

Sri Bhaskar Manay — Bhaskar Manay

Sri M.V. Govinda Setty — M.V. G Setty

Sri R. Suresh — R. Suresh.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The members were informed that on 29.5.96 there was an informal function of "unveiling the donation tablet", the donation of Rs 5,00,001/- being given from the proceeds of the assets of the estate of the late Balakrishna Kalad. This endowment was given in

memory of his mother, Rukmabai Kalad, towards the Vocational Training Institute at Shivanahalli. The interest from the endowment will be utilised towards the training expenses of the villagers in various trades like tailoring, Coir-mat weaving, handloom weaving etc. More than 30 special invitees attended the function. A brief report of our rural development work at Shivanahalli was given stressing the need for strengthening the Vocational Training in some other fields also. All the invitees were given annaprasad.

The chairman informed the members that Rev. Ranganathanandaji Maharaj visited Bangalore on 1.6.96 on his way to Puttaparthanahalli. Swamiji returned to Bangalore on 6.6.96. There was a special evening lecture by him on 9.6.96 at our Ulsoor branch which was very well attended. Devotees were given mantradikshas on a thanksgiving

(92 and 90 respectively) by Rev. Swamiji. He left for Hyderabad by the 10th ~~morning~~ evening flight

Guru poornima function was held on 30.7.96 More Than 500 devotees attended the morning mangarati. In the evening There was a special function in the Sri Ramakrishna Sabhangana from 4.45 to 7.30. Nearly 2000 devotees participated in the function.

On 12.8.1996 we celebrated Swami Ramakrishnanandaji jayanti with the usual morning mangalarati with Vedic chanting, special bhajan and homa. In the evening we had a special discourse in Kannada on the life and teachings of Ramakrishnanandaj and also special bhajan. This time also more than 460 devotees attended the morning mangalarati. For the noon function nearly 1650 people came and the evening function was attended by 1000 devotees.

Sri Krishna Janmashtami was celebrated on 4.9.96. There was a special pooja with bhajan from 6 p.m. The attendance was 800. The function went upto 8.30 p.m. Sri Krishna Jayanti was celebrated the next day.

The members were informed that 30% of the construction of the compound wall is over and the remaining work is going on.

They were also informed that a small bathroom for the workers is being constructed in the garden. It is also proposed to construct a small asbestos roofed room for the generator behind the kitchen block.

The members were told that we have already written to our Headquarters regarding the inaugural function of the starting of the new Mission Centre at Shivanahalli and were awaiting their response. It is proposed to be held during November.

It was decided to meet again during November-December.

Minutes Of The Advisory Committee Meeting Held On 14.12.1996.

The Advisory Committee of the Math met on Saturday the 14th December 1996 at 8.30 am. The following members were present:

Swami Harshanandaji: Chairman. Swami Harshanandaji

Dr. K.T. Surendra: K.T. Surendra

Sri Bhasker Manay: Bhasker Manay

Sri M.V. Govinda Setty: M.V. Setty

Sri R. Suresh : R. Suresh

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Vinayaka Chaturthi was celebrated on 16.9.1996 with a big image of Ganesha made by a Bengali Association. Special puja was performed in the evening followed by special

bhajan. Nearly 500 devotees attended the function. The immersion ceremony took place at 8.45 p.m on the same night which was attended by nearly 300 devotees.

As usual we celebrated the Durga Puja on 21.10.1996 with special homa and bhajan in the morning and a special discourse and bhajan in the evening. The early morning, noon and evening functions were attended by respectively by 400, 2500 and 1200 devotees.

Sri Kali Puja was performed on the evening of 10th November, 1996. The Prayer Hall was decorated with lighted earthern lamps. Nearly 500 devotees attended the Puja

A new Mission Centre at Shivanahalli was inaugurated by Srimat Swami Atmasthanandaji, our General Secretary on 17.11.96. For this special function at Shivanahalli on the 17th

Swami Prabhanandaji, one of the Senior Trustees of the Ramakrishna Math came as a special guest. Sri. Y. Ramakrishna, the local MLA came as a special invitee. There was a special puja and homa at Shivanahalli in the morning. At 10 a.m. there was a special public function which was attended by nearly 40 monks and brahmacharins and 4000 devotees and villagers To mark the occasion, a granite tablet was unveiled by the General Secretary. Swami Prabhanandaji spoke on that occasion. All the people were fed with bisebele bath, curd rice, sweet, papad and plantain. All the Trustees of the Ramakrishna Grama Kshema Trust were honoured for their excellent work and co-operation. The assets and liabilities of the Trust were

handed over to the new Mission Centre and from that day onwards the Trust was dissolved.

An evening function was held at the Math premises on the same day which was very well attended.

The committee was informed that a small shed for the Diesel Generator and a bathroom for the garden workers were completed.

We have now overwhelming evidence to prove that the stone slab measuring 13' x 2' kept in front of a house near Poornaiah Choultry in the Majestic area is the same one on which Swami Vivekananda used to sit during his visit to Bangalore. The owners of the house have kindly agreed to donate this slab to the Math authorities for safe-keeping. We are awaiting for further instructions from

our Head - Quarters.

It has been decided to close the Library after our Annual Celebrations for about 3-4 months. This will enable us to fabricate new book racks, remove unwanted, torn and old books, add new books, classify all the books afresh and introduce computer terminals for easy access.

Our book sales section is doing very well. Our auditors for the past few years are advising us to issue bills to all the buyers. In order to modernize the billing system, we will be introducing a few computer terminals in this section also. This will definitely increase the accuracy and efficiency of our Service.

It was decided to meet again during February, 1997.

Minutes Of The Meeting Held On 12.2.1997

The Advisory Committee met at 8.30 a.m on Wednesday the 12th February 1997. Swami Harshanandaji presided over the meeting. The following members were present:

Swami Harshanandaji: Chairman Swami Harshanandaji

Dr. K.T. Surendra: K.T. Surendra

Sri Bhaskar Manay: Bhaskar Manay

Sri M.V. Govinda Setty: M.V. Govinda Setty

Sri R. Suresh: R. Suresh

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Annual Celebrations went off very well. The daily attendance far exceeded our expectations. We are very happy that more and more new comers are being benifitted by the programmes at our Math. Onan

average the daily attendance was 2000. On ~~On~~ Harikatha Day and on Balaka Sangha Day more than 2500 devotees came.

This year instead of having our usual Sarva Dharma Sammelan, we had Hindu Dharma Sammelan. Eminent men from Six systems of Hinduism participated in the proceedings which was attended by a packed audiance of 2000 devotees. All of them spoke very well. Many devotees expressed that it would be a great benefit to them if such Sammelans were organised now and then.

On the 7th and 8th we Screened the film on Holy Mother with a running commentary in Kannada. It attracted nearly 2000 devotees.

We had a spiritual retreat for college boys and girls on the morning and evening of 12.1.97. More than 750 students in total attended the retreat. The question - answer session was very lively and more than

500 questions were asked and answered.

This year also the book sales section did very well. More than Rs. 3.5 lakhs worth of our literature were sold during the celebrations.

On January 1, 1997 we had a combined celebrations of the Kalpataru Day and Holy Mother's Jayanti. Nearly 700 devotees attended the morning mangarati. For the noon homa and bhajan, the attendance was 3000. More than 2650 devotees attended the evening lecture followed by bhajan.

Swami Vivekananda Jayanti was observed on January 31, 1997. We had the early morning mangalarati with Vedic chanting, recital of a portion of Katha Upanishad, etc. which was attended by nearly 1500 devotees. We had the homa and bhajan in the noon and a lecture followed by special bhajan in the evening the attendance being 2000 and 1700 respectively.

In the evening we had a small function in connection with the stone slab which was used by Swami Vivekananda during his stay at Bangalore during october-November, 1892.

Two years ago, we came to know from a devotee that a stone slab on which Swami Vivekananda supposed to have sat upon during his stay at Bangalore in 1892 is being kept in front of the house of Sri. Chandrashekar in the majestic area. We wrote to our Head Quarters about this. After a very careful research undertaken by some of our devotees and the analysis of the results by our Head Quarters, we are now almost sure about the authenticity of this slab. Our Belur Math have instructed us to take possession of this slab and keep it in a safe place in the Math premises. Accordingly we took possession of this sacred slab and it was brought to the Math for safe custody on 28.1.1997. This slab

was kept for public view on 30.1.97 with due puja and a small write up about it. We will be constructing a small temporary shed to protect it from the Nagaries of nature. A permanent display arrangement will be made after we get instructions from our Head Quarters.

The Math library will be closed for about 3 months from 1st March 1997. We have already requested all the members to take back their deposits. We have requested for the design of the book racks from an interior decorator. The work will start from March 1. The estimated cost of the project is Rs 10 lakhs. This includes the cost of new furniture, computer terminals with necessary softwares and also new books. It was decided to issue an advertisement for donation of rare books and manuscripts in Sanskrit Kannada and English. The library will have books on Religion, Philosophy, Culture and all Ramakrishna-Vivekanandra literature in Kannada, English and Sanskrit.

During this period the Math has published six new English titles, reprinted six books in English and a reprint of a Kannada book.

Our Head Quarters have given instructions about observing the Centenary Celebrations of the starting of the Ramakrishna Mission. They have given a very broad outline of the ways of observing this celebration like organising lectures, essay writing and debate competitions in various schools and colleges in the State, screening films on Swami Vivekananda, arranging discourses, exhibiting our literature, etc. in various parts of the city and the State, etc. The Committee was requested to suggest a few more new ways of observing this celebrations.

On this connection Swamiji suggested requested the members to think about the following proposals:

1. Lectures, bhajans and books exhibitions in various parts of Bangalore.

2. Collection, preservation and codification of rare Sanskrit and Kannada palm-leaf manuscripts and printed books on philosophy, religion and Culture.

3. Conducting a 3-week Shibira on the lines of the Vedic Days as Suggested by Swami Vivekananda in a forest atmosphere for our youths.

4. Training the organisers of religious Utsavs in the proper manner of conducting such festivals, starting with Ganesha Festival.

Our ~~the~~ Head Quarters have approved the list of 85 long standing devotees of the Math for the election of four members of our New Advisory Committee. We have plans to have the election meeting on Sunday the 16th March 1997. The new Committee will have a tenure of three years from April 1, 1997.

It was decided to have a combined meeting of the present and the new Advisory Committee on Friday the 28th March, 1997.

Minutes Of The Meeting Held On 28.3.1997

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The valedictory meeting of the present Advisory Committee and the inaugural meeting of the newly elected Advisory Committee was held at the Math premises on Friday the 28th March 1997 at 8.30 a.m. The following members were present:

Swami Harshanandaji: Chairman.

Swami Harshanandaji

Dr. K.T. Surendra

Sri N. Bhaskar Manay

Sri M.V. Govinda Setty

Sri R. Suresh

Sri M.P. Shyam

Dr. Kuber Goud

Dr. Vishwanath

Sri M. Venkatesh

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Swamiji thanked the present members for their co-operation and valuble suggestions during the past three years. All the present members were presented with a set of Complete Works of Swami Vivekananda and also a set of laminated photos of Sri Ramakrishna, Holy Mother and Swami Vivekananda

While welcoming the new members of the Advisory Committee, Swamiji gave a brief history of the formation of the Advisory Committee and introduced all the members.

The chairman of the meeting gave a brief account of the functions held on Shivaratri Day and Sri Ramakrishna Jayanti with the following

attendance report:

Shivaratri Day : Evening Function 2000

Sri Ramakrishna Jayanti: Usha kirtan – 450.

Noon Function – 2500

Evening Function: 2000

On in the evening on Sri Ramakrishna Jayanti Day there was a music performance by Dr. Ramana Kumar in the Sri ~~Ramakrishna~~ Vivekananda Sabhangana. Nearly 600 people attended the concert.

Swamiji then gave details about the Ramakrishna Mission Centenary Celebrations and the instructions from our Head Quarters.

It was proposed to have the inaugural function of the year-long Centenary Celebrations on May 1, 1997. Sri B.R. Prabhakara, Chief Secretary, Government of Karnataka and Srimat Swami Sridharanandaji, Head, Ramakrishna Mission, Lucknow will be invited for the functi

Swamiji also proposed to have 10 or 12 similar ½ day meetings in different parts of the city as also in different parts of the city ~~also~~ as also in different parts of Karnataka during the year. He requested the members to arrange for such meetings with the help of local devotees residing in different parts of the city.

As a part of the programme it was proposed to have a conference on Work Ethic to important officials of a few departments like KEB, Police, Revenue, Postal, Telephone etc. The main aim of the conference will be to instil in them the moral and ethical values in doing every work in their concerned departments and help the common public to the extent possible. Members suggested that these conferences should be held for officials at the supervisory level.

During this year 7 new English books and 6 reprints in English were published by our Bangalore Math. In Kannada one new book and one reprint were published. The Math also published two new Sanskrit books.

Swamiji informed the members that our Head Quarters have passed a resolution regarding the transfer of assets and liabilities of the Grama Seva account to Ramakrishna Mission. All the members welcomed this resolution very enthusiastically

It was proposed to meet again in May/June 97.

130 Minutes Of The Meeting Held On 7.6.1997

The Advisory Committee met on 7.6.97 at 8.30 a.m and the following members were present:

Swami Harshanandaji: Chairman — Swami Harshanandaji

Sri M.P. Shyam — M.P. Shyam

Dr. Kuber Goud —

Dr. S. Vishwanath —

Sri M. Venkatesh —

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The audited statements of accounts for the year 1996-97 were read and confirmed. Swamiji told the members that the Math has plans to spend out of its funds for on the following heads of accounts during this financial year:

	Rs.
Scholarships to students	1,00,000.00
Pecuniary and medical help	1,00,000.00
Raising and repair of compound wall	1,50,000.00
Construction of two rooms for workers	3,00,000.00
Library – new furnitures, addition of books, re-classification etc.	6,00,000.00

Swamiji then gave details about the visit of Rev. Ranganathanandaji Maharaj. Rev. Maharaj arrived from Hyderabad on 31.5.97 in the morning. Rev. Maharaj gave Mantra Diksha on June 1, 2 and 3 to 273 devotees. There was a public function at 5.45 p.m on 1.6.1997. Rev. Maharaj spoke on 'The Ramakrishna – Vivekananda Movement' and nearly 1500 people attended the lecture. Swamiji left for Hyderabad on 3.6.97 by the evening flight.

The Inaugural function of the proposed year long function held in connection with the Centenary of the

starting of the Ramakrishna Mission was held on 1.5.1997 at our Math premises. We had Usha Kirtan in the early morning followed by Vedic chanting at 7.45 a.m. A special Homa at 10 a.m and a special Bhajan at 11 a.m were arranged and more than 400 devotees attended the function.

A public meeting was arranged in the evening. Srimat Swami Sridharanandaji Maharaj, Secretary, Ramakrishna Mission, Lucknow presided over the meeting. Sri B.R. Prabhakara, Chief Secretary, Government of Karnataka was our Chief Guest. Dr. G. Shivarudrappa was the speaker. Nearly 2500 devotees attended the function.

A Bhakta Sammelan for the initiated devotees of the Math was arranged on May 10 and 11. On the 10th, 555 devotees and on the 11th, 543 devotees attended the function. Srimat Swami

Purushottamanandaji was the chief Guest for the Sammelan.

As a part of the year-long programme of the Centenary of the starting of the Ramakrishna Mission, we had our second meeting at our Swami Vivekananda Ashrama, Ulsoor on 8.6.1997. The function started at 5.45 p.m. Dr. D.M. Nanjundappa presided over the meeting. Sri A.R. Sridharan and Swami Nityasthanandaji SriRamakrishna Ashrama, Mysore spoke on the occasion. In spite of the heavy rains, nearly 300 devotees attended the function.

Utilising this occasion, our Math thanked the staff and other members of the Corporation of the City of Bangalore and especially Sri Parthasarathy, Secretary to the Government of Karnataka and Sri S.S. Pattanna Setty, Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore City Corporation for their help in re-naming the "old Madras Road" as 'Sri Swami Vivekananda Rasthe".

It was decided to meet again during August 97

Minutes Of The Meeting Held On 6.9.1997.

The Advisory Committee of the Math met on 6.9.97 at 8.30 a.m at the Math premises. The following members were present:

Swami Harshanandaji : Swami Harshanand

Sri M.P. Shyam — M.P. Shyam

Dr. Kuber Goud

Dr. S. Vishwanath — S Vishwanath

Sri M. Venkatesh — M Venkatesh

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The third phase of the function of the Centenary of the starting of the Ramakrishna Mission was held at the MES College Auditorium on 10.8.1997 at 5-30 p.m. Swami Yuktatmanandaji, Correspondent, Ramakrishna Institute of Moral and Spiritual Education, Mysore presided over the function.

Sri Justice N.D. Venkatesh and Prof. ~~N.C.V.~~ N.V.C. Swami, Retd Director, Indian Institute of Technology, Madras spoke on that occasion. The speeches were all very well received by the audience of 300 people. Our books Section sold books worth of Rs 15,000 on that occasion.

Swami Prabuddhanandaji, Monk-in-charge, Vedanta Society of Northern California, San Francisco, U.S.A. Came on a month long visit to India. He was here from 8th August to 25th August. In between he visited Mysore On the 17th August he gave a public lecture on Spiritual Life which was very well attended.

Swami Ramakrishnanandaji's birth anniversary was celebrated on 1.8.97 with early morning Usha Kirtan, a special Homa at 10 a.m and a special bhajan from 11 a.m. The evening function started at 5.45 with a talk on the life and teachings of Ramakrishnanandaji. The early morning, noon and evening attendance were 600, 1750

and 1700 respectively

Guru Purnima was celebrated on 20th July, 97. This year also we had a special meeting at the Ramakrishna Sabhangana from 5 p.m and more than 3000 devotees gathered to attend the function.

Gokulashtami was celebrated on 20th August evening. There was a special puja to Sri Krishna from 6.45 p.m to 8.30 p.m with a special talk and a bhajan. Nearly 1500 devotees took part in the evening puja

There was a Seminar on 28th August, 97 under the ausspices of Swami Vivekananda chair, Mysore University, Mysore. Swami Harshanandaji went as a special invitee and he Submitted a paper on the Relevance of Swami Vivekananda to the Modern Youth which was very much appreciated.

Our work of re-modelling of the Library is going on very well. As Suggested by our Auditors all

the membership deposits were returned. All the old books were discarded. Only a select few good books were retained. The work is progressing at a steady speed and we hope to inaugurate the re-modelled library within two months.

It was decided to meet again on 18th october, 97.

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Minutes Of The Meeting Held On 18-10-1997

The Advisory Committee of the Math met on October 18th, 1997 at 8.30 am and the following members were present:

Swami Harshanandaji: Swami Harshanandaji

Sri M.P. Shyam: M.P. Shyam

Dr. Kuber Goud:

Dr. S. Vishwanath

Sri M. Venkatesh

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

On 6th September, we celebrated the Vinayaka chaturthi with a special puja to Ganesha from 8.15 a.m. We had a special evening bhajan from 7 p.m for an hour attended by 1500 devotees. The immersion ceremony took place at 9 p.m and nearly 450 devotees took part in it.

The Saraswati Puja was celebrated on October 8, 1991. Our renovated library was opened on that day after a simple puja to Saraswati. After the puja all the workers were given new cloths. All those who ~~came~~ had worked for the library — labourers and volunteers — partook anna-prasada in the noon.

As decided earlier, all old, torn and out-dated books from the library were discarded keeping only useful books. A new design which can accommodate nearly 18000 volumes and 3000 audio-cassettes was prepared by a known architect. The library was closed for about six months for renovation and reclassification work. This renovated library will start issuing books from November onwards. A very nominal yearly fee of Rs 50 will be charged with a one-time caution deposit of Rs 100. We hope that more and more devotees will utilise this vastly improved library facility.

Sri Venugopal, a devotee of this Math, has been appointed as the Chief Librarian and Sri Padmanabha, our Assistant Librarian and a part-time worker will assist the Chief Librarian. Our Math places on record its grateful thanks to Sri Nagaraja Rao, our Mysore devotee, in helping us in all the technical details connected with the library.

On the 16th September Rev. Somanathanandaji passed away. He was admitted in the Basappa Memorial Hospital, Mysore for treatment of mouth cancer. He passed away peacefully at the hospital.

Our Uhoor Ashrama celebrated the Durgashtami on the 9th October. We had a special puja with homa and a special bhajan at 11 a.m. More than 650 devotees attended the function and all were given annaprasada in the noon.

Our Math celebrated the Mahanavami on the 10th October. For the morning Usha Kirtan 300 devotees were present. For the noon and evening function the attendance was 2500 and 2300 respectively

Sri Vijaya dasami and Sri Madhva Jayanti were celebrated on october 11, 1997.

Our Sunday discourses are attracting more and more number of people and we will be starting a new series on Sri Devi Bhagavatam from 17th October.

The fourth and fifth phases of the year long Ramakrishna Mission Centenary Celebrations will be held on 19th and 26th October.

We reprinted Kirtana Sangraha Vol 1 and Vol 2 in a single volume edition. Sri Durga Sapta Sati for parayana in Kannada was published during this period.

It was proposed to meet again on November 29th at 8.30 a.m.

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Minutes Of The Meeting Held On 29.11.1997.

The Advisory Committee of the Math met on 29.11.97 at 8.30 a.m and the following members were present.

Swami Harshanandaji : Chairman

Swami Harshanandaji

Sri M.P. Shyam — M.P. Shyam

Dr. Kuber Goud

Dr S. Vishwanath — S. Vishwanath

Sri M. Venkatesh — M. Venkatesh

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Swamiji informed the members that the Kali Puja was celebrated in the Math on October 30, '97 in the evening. The special Puja and bhajan started at 6 p.m and once the function came to an end by 8.15. More than 1000 devotees attended

the function. On that occasion the Prayer Hall was decorated with lighted earthern lamps which added to the serene atmosphere of that day.

The members were told that Rev. Ranganathanandji Maharaj will be coming visiting Bangalore on his way to Cochin on the 23rd December morning. He will be going to Cochin on the morning flight of 24th and will return on the 29th. Initiations for the eagerly waiting devotees have been arranged on two days. Swamiji will leave for Mysore on the 1st evening. He will be going back to Hyderabad on the 3rd January, 1998.

Swamiji then gave the details about our Annual celebrations for 1998. As in the previous years, we will be having Kalpataru Day on the 1st January, a day for Lalitha by Sri Atchata Dasa, film show on Sri Ramakrishna in Bengali with a running Kannada running commentary, Vivekananda Balaka Sangha and

Yuvaka Sangha day, birthday celebrations of Sri Ramakrishna, Holy Mother and Swamiji and a spiritual retreat for college boys and college girls and a day for classical musical performance by an eminent artist. This year also we will be having the function for nearly 12 days and on all these days a special discount of 10% will be allowed in our bookstall section.

It was proposed to meet again on January 26, 1998 at 8.30 a.m.

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Minutes Of The Meeting Held On February 14, 1998

The minutes of the earlier meeting were read and confirmed.

The following members were present:

Swami Harshanandaji: Chairman. Swami Harshanandaji

Sri M.P. Shyam - M.P. Shyam

Dr. Kuber Goud - [signature]

Dr. S. Vishwanath - [signature]

Sri M. Venkatesh - [signature]

The Holy Mother's birthday was celebrated on 21.12.97. For the morning arthakirtan nearly 800 devotees came and for the noon and evening function the attendance was 3100 and 2000. There was a homa, a special bhajan in the noon and a talk followed by a special bhajan in the evening. The function went upto 8.15 p.m.

The Christmas Eve was celebrated on the 24th evening. As was in earlier years, the photo of Jesus Christ was decorated and there was a talk in the evening about the life and teachings of Christ. Nearly 650 people came for the function.

This year also we had our Annual Public celebrations from the 1st of January, 1998.

On the Kalpataru Day, 2600 devotees attended the morning Sri Ramakrishna Nama Archana. The function was held in the Sri Ramakrishna Sabhangana.

On the 2nd Sri Akhilata dasa held the devotees spell bound by his harikatha on Santh Ekanath. Nearly 3000 people came for the harikatha.

The Balaka Sangha Anniversary was celebrated on the 3rd with drama, speeches and other cultural programmes by the boys. 2200 devotees came and enjoyed the programme.

The closing function of the Centenary of the starting of the Ramakrishna Mission was celebrated on the 4th January with a special lecture 1200 devotees attended the function.

A Bengali film on the life of Sri Ramakrishna with a running Kannada commentary by Swami Harshanandaji was screened on two evenings Devotees numbering 2000 saw this film.

This year Sri Shankar was invited to give us a musical performance on the 7th evening.

We celebrated the combined anniversaries on the 10th evening and nearly 1600 devotees attended the special discourses arranged on that day.

On the 11th we conducted the spiritual retreat for the college students. The morning session meant for girls was attended by 280 girl students. The evening boys session was attended by 315 college boys. Swami Abhiramanandaji and Swami Amrutanandaji conducted the retreat. The question and answer session was conducted by Swami Harshanandaji.

Swamiji informed the members that Rev. Ranganathanandaji Maharaj visited Bangalore during the last week of December. On the 30th and 31st he gave mantra diksha to eagerly waiting devotees numbering 116 and 117. He returned back to Hyderabad on the 3rd January after inaugurating the newly constructed auditorium at our Mysore Ashrama.

Swami Vivekanandaji's birthday was celebrated on the 27th January. For the morning usha kirtan the attendance was 400. Nearly 2000 men and 2100 devotees came for the noon and evening function.

The foundation work for the workers Quarters is over and the brick construction will start after a week. We hope to finish the work by the end of March, 98.

This year also we propose to give all the school children of Sri Ramakrishna Vidya Kendra, Shivanahalli one set of uniforms. Swamiji requested the members to help us in this.

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The minutes of the meeting held on 14.2.98 were read and confirmed.

The following members were present:

Swami Harshanandaji: chairman:

Swami Hariramanandaji

Sri M.P. Shyam. M P Shyam

Dr. Kuber Goud

Dr. S. Vishwanath

Sri M. Venkatesh. M Venkatesh

Swamiji informed the members that on Shivaratri Day nearly 1500 devotees gathered for the evening special puja which started at 6 p.m. and the whole puja came to an end by 9 p.m.

On Sri Ramakrishna's Jayanti nearly 600 devotees attended the morning Usha Kirtan. As was the custom, we had special puja for the relics of Sri Ramakrishna at 7 a.m followed by special homa and a special bhajan. Nearly 3000 people came for this function. The evening function started at 5.30 with Vedic chanting, a short discourse on Sri Ramakrishna followed by a special bhajan. The attendance was 2000.

Swamiji informed the members that this year also we would like to give free uniforms to our Mission School children. The cost will be nearly Rs 65,000 for 400 children. He appealed to the members to help us.

A tentative Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure statements of accounts upto the end of February 98 was placed before the Committee. We hope

the final yearly accounts will be ready by the second week of April 98.

The roof of the worker's quarters will be cast by the second week of April 98 and after the remaining work will be taken up for completion after a curing period of a month.

Swamiji informed the members that upto the end of February, the Math has published 5 English, one Sanskrit and 2 Kannada booklets. Two English and two Kannada books were reprinted during this period.

It was decided to meet again on 23rd May, 98 at 8.30 am at the Math premises.

The Advisory Committee of the Math met at 8.30 a.m on 23.5.98 at the Math premises. The following members were present:

Swami Harshanandaji: President: Swami Atmeshanand

Sri M.P. Shyam — M.P. Shyam
Sri M. Venkatesh — M. Venkatesh
Dr. S Vishwanath — S. Vishwanath
Dr. Kuber Goud — K.G.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The audited statement of accounts for 1997-98 was placed before the Committee and was approved:

The Committee was informed that this year also the Mission will be giving two sets of uniforms to all our school children at Shivanahalli. The Hindustan Petroleum Corporation limited have come forward to donate one set of uniforms and the other set will be given at a concessional rate to the children The Math proposes to spend nearly Rs 6000 towards this project.

During this year books worth of Rs 23,98,000 and religious articles worth of Rs 8,70,680 were sold. The Math published Kannada books, English books and Kannada English books were reprinted during this year.

On the 5th April 98 we observed Ramanawami with a special puja and Rammam in the morning and a special bhajan in the evening. Nearly 1600 devotees attended the function.

Sri Shankara Jayanti was observed on 30.4.98 with a special evening prayer which was attended by 400 devotees. Sri Ramanuja Jayanti and Sri Basava Jayanti were observed on 29th and 30th April respectively.

The Math observed Sri Buddha Poornima on 11th May with a special prayer in the evening. The attendance was 600.

This year we conducted Vasanta Vihara – a Summer Camp for boys for 15 days from April 24 to May 10, 1998. Many eminent persons from various fields like wild life conservation, Satellite Technology, reptile life, amateur radio, ecology, marine life, etc. came and gave talks with slide shows. As a concluding part, we had a 2-day camp at the Nagarahole Wild Life Sanctury. Sri Chinnappa, a expert in wild life, conducted the Camp. The enthusiasm shown by the

boys was very great and the whole Vasanta Vihara was a great Succes.

It was decided to meet again on Saturday the 25th July 98 at 8.30 a.m.

Minutes Of The Meeting Held On 25-7-98

The Advisory Committee met on July 25,98 at 8.30 a.m. The following members were present.

Swami Harshanandaji: President

× Swami Harshanandaji

Sri M.P. Shyam — M.P. Shyam

Sri M. Venkatesh — M. Venkatesh

Sri S. Vishwanath — S. Vishwanath

Dr. Kuber Goud. — [illegible]

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The members were informed that on Swami Ramakrishnanandaji's Jayanti on 21-7-98, 600 devotees attended the early morning arati. For the special puja and homa nearly 2000 devotees came. The evening function started at 5-45 p.m with Vedic chanting & special bhajan. Nearly 2000 people gathered for this special prayer.

A new book on Indian Culture written by Swami Harshanandaji Maharaj was released by Dr. Padmanabhan, Ex-director, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore. Nearly 2000 people attended this function.

The workers' quarters is ready and can be opened on any day.

All the uniforms for the children of Sri Ramakrishna Vidya Kendra School are ready and they can be distributed on any convenient day during the first week of August.

During ~~these months~~ three months the following books were reprinted:

Taittiriya Brahmana Vol. I & II in Kannada Script
Letters to a student, Secret of Concentration
"An Introduction to Indian Culture" - a new book in English.

It was decided to meet again on 26th Sept at 8.30 a.m at the Math premises.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON SEPEMBER 26, 1998

The Advisory Committee of the Ramakrishna Math, Bangalore met on 26.9.98 at 8.30 am. Swami Harshanandaji Maharaj presided over the meeting and the following members were present.

Swami Harshanandaji : Swami Harshanandaji
Sri M.P. Shyam - M.P. Shyam
Sri M. Venkatesh
Sri S. Vishwanath S. Vishwanath
Dr. Kuber Goud.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Swamiji informed the members that Swami Ranganathanandaji Maharaj was elected as the President, Ramakrishna Math and Ramakrishna Mission by the Board of Trustees of the Ramakrishna Math and Ramakrishna Mission on 7th September, 1998.

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He took charge on 23rd September, 1998. He is keeping well. He will be staying at the Belur Math itself.

Justice Saldanha visited Shivanahalli on Sunday the 6th september, 1998 at 11 a.m. He presided over the Teachers' Day function held at the School. He spoke for a few minutes to the students. Justice Saldanha went round the medical camp and our Vocational Training Institute and appreciated the noble work done by the Mission for the poor. He visited our garden at Shivanahalli and also the quarry site near our Mission compound where illegal quarrying is going on. He was accompanied by a group of press persons who gave very wide publicity about our Mission's work at Shivanahalli.

With deep sorrow Swamiji announced the passing away of Sri Krishnamurthy ji.

The following condolence resolution was passed:

Resolved that:

The Advisory Committee of Ramakrishna Math, Bangalore expresses its deep sorrow at the demise of Sri M. Krishnamurthy, a member of the Managing Committee, Ramakrishna Mission, Shivanahalli and an old devotee of the Ramakrishna Math, Bangalore. He also served as a member of our Advisory Committee a few years back. It also expresses its great appreciation of all the services rendered by him to the Ramakrishna Math, Bangalore and the Ramakrishna Mission, Shivanahalli. May his soul rest in peace!

Swamiji informed the members that the new workers' quarter was inaugurated on 9th Sept. 1998. A simple puja was done with Vedic chanting and Bhajan.

Sri Krishna Janmashtami was celebrated at the Math on 14th August. Special Puja was performed to Sri Krishna from 6.30 in the evening. There was a special bhajan upto 8.30 p.m and nearly 1200 devotees attended the function.

Vinayaka chaturthi was held on August 26. A special puja to Sri Ganesh idol was performed from 8 a.m. In the evening the was special bhajan from 7 and the immersion ceremony took place at 9 p.m. More than ~~1000~~ 800 people participated in the function.

The members were informed that we will be reprinting the book "Meditation and Spiritual Life" and the price of this

important voluminous book ~~Rs~~ will be kept at Rs 150 so that even middle income group sadhakas can afford to own a copy of this book.

It was decided to meet again during December 1998.

The Advisory Committee of the Math met on 28.12.1998 at the Math premises at 8.30 a.m. The following members were present.

Swami Harshanandaji: Swami Harshanand

Sri M.P. Shyam : M.P. Shyam

Dr. Kuber Goud : [illegible]

Dr. S. Vishwanath : [illegible]

Sri M. Venkatesh : M Venkat

The members were given details about the attendance of devotees for the following jayanti days:

	Morning	Noon	Evening
Durga Puja	500	2800	1800
Sri Sarada Devi Jayanti	450	2300	1600
Saraswati Puja	450		
Kali Puja	750		

Gita Jayanti	600
Hanuman Jayanti	750
Christmas Eve	600

Swamiji then spoke about the history of our Uhoor branch. Started in 1905 as a small retreat centre, it remained a small centre for several decades. Swami Hiranmayanandaji, when he was the General Secretary, gave approval for the construction of a Sadhu Nivas for accommodating old and retired Sadhus and also for the construction of a new temple. Now this centre is attracting a large number of devotees. The Sunday evening discourses is also attracting a good number of devotees. For the past three years we had requested our Headquarters to make it an independent branch centre. The Trustees have now resolved to make it an independent centre from January 1, 1999 and have appointed

Swami Raghaveshanandaji as its President.
Srimat Swami Smaranandaji, General Secretary, Ramakrishna Math and Ramakrishna Mission will formally inaugurate it on Sunday the 24th January 1999. Swami Chidanandaji who will be visiting India during the second week of January has also kindly agreed to come to the function as a special guest and will speak on that occasion.

The Math will be celebrating its Annual Public Celebrations from January 1, 1999. The Kalpataru Day will be held on the 1st. The function will start at 4.45 p.m with archana to Sri Ramakrishna, a discourse by Srimat Swami Gautkamanandaji Maharaj, President, Sri Ramakrishna Math, Madras and a special bhajan. The anniversary of Vivekananda Balaka Sangha and Vivekananda Yuvaka Sangha will be

held on the 2nd. A harikatha by Sant Bhadragiri Achyutadasji on Santa Jnaneshwar on the 3rd and a vocal music concert by Sri M. Venkatesh Kumar on the 4th evening will form part of the Celebration. We will be screening the film Santa Jnaneshwar on the evenings of 5th and 6th. Sri Sarada Devi Day will be celebrated on the 7th. Dr. Gururaj Karajgi will preside over the Sri Ramakrishna Day on the 9th with a spiritual retreat for college girls and college boys on the 10th January. The celebrations will come to a close.

We have come to know from reliable sources that Dr. Panduranga Setty of Pandu Nursing Home has plans to construct a Kalyana Mantapa just opposite to our Matha. Needless to say it will create a lot of disturbance to the prevailing serene atmosphere. Members are requested to

prevail upon Dr Panduranga Setty not to Construct a Kalyana Mantapa in that site.

It was decided to meet again during the last week of March 1999.

The members of the Advisory Committee of the Ramakrishna Math, Bangalore met at the Math premises on Saturday the 27th March 1999 at 8.30 a.m.

Swami Harshananda. Swami Harshananda

Sri M.J. Shyam — M.P. Shyam
Dr. Kuber Gowd — [illegible]
Dr. Vishwanath — [illegible]
Sri M. Venkatesh — [illegible]

The anual celebrations for the year 1999 went off very well. The Balaka Sangha Anniversary, observed on the 2nd January 1999, was attended by nearly 2000 people. The spiritual retreat for College boys and girls on the 10th January was ~~attended~~ attended by 580 girls and 400 boys respectively.

During the celebrations, books and religious articles worth of Rs 3.78 lakhs were sold. We are glad to observe that the number of volunteers and devotees are increasing.

Swami Vivekananda's birthday was celebrated on the 8th January. We had the usual morning mangalarati attended by 650 devotees. More than 3000 devotees attended the noon function. Nearly 2500 people attended the evening special bhajan.

We had the anniversary of the Ramakrishna Mission, Shivanahalli on Sunday the 17th January, 1999 at Shivanahalli. Srimat Swami Smaranandaji, General Secretary, Ramakrishna Math and Ramakrishna Mission presided over the function. Swami Chidanandaji, Monk-in-charge, The Vivekananda Vedanta Society, Chicago, USA, was our special guest. Students of the

Ramakrishna Vidya Kendra gave a cultural programme consisting of songs, speeches and a small drama for about 30 minutes. Swami Chidanandaji spoke for about 15 minutes.

In the evening, the formal opening of the Vivekananda Ashrama, Ulsoor as an independent centre, was held. Srimat Swami Smarananandaji presided over the function. Swami Chidanandaji was our special invitee. More than 1000 devotees attended the function.

Sri Ramakrishna Vidyarthi Mandiram Day was celebrated on Sunday the 31st January. Swami Chidanandaji presided over the function.

As a part of the Shivaratri Day, a special puja to Shiva was performed on the evening of 14th February, 1999. Nearly 900 devotees attended the puja.

Sri Ramakrishna's Birthday was celebrated on February 18, 1999. 2850 devotees attended the puja and special homa. The evening programme was attended by nearly 2000 people.

We had Ramanama Sankirtanam between 11 a.m and 12 noon on Sri Ramanavami Day. A special puja to Sri Rama was performed from 8.15 am on that day.

We are planning to have ~~Bala~~ Bhakta Sammelan on the 1st and 2nd May, 1999 for initiated devotees of our Math. A Summer camp for the Vivekananda Balaka Sangha for 15 days during the first two weeks of May has also been arranged.

Revered Swami Ranganathanandaji Maharaj ~~Counselor Bangalore~~ will be with visiting Bangalore on the 30th March. He will be with us for about

a week.

It was decided to meet again during the last week of May, 1999.

178 # MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 22.5.99

The Advisory Committee met at 8.30 am and the following members were present:

x Swami Harshananda

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The members were informed that the Math conducted two Summer camps for the Vivekananda Balaka Sanga boys. For the old members, the camp started on May 1999 went upto May. Every day experts from various fields of human knowledge addressed the boys with slides and Video shows. Slide shows, magic shows and puppet shows formed part of the programme.

The whole programme - from morning 9.00 to evening 8.00 - was both instructive and entertaining. Everyday classes on religion and Vedic chanting were also arranged. All the boys enjoyed the camp very much.

A Similar ~~programme~~ Camp for the new entrants numbering 47 for eight days was also conducted with a Similar programme.

As a Concluding activity, all the boys were taken to B.R Hills for a two-days trip. They saw the activities undertaken by Vivekananda Girijana Kalyana Kendra.

On the 1st and 2nd May 1999, we had the Bhata Sammelan for initiated devotees of the Math. 600 and 575 devotees respectively participated on these days. On both the days, the programme began at 8.30 a.m and went up to 5.30 in the evening. Swami Purushottamanandaji conducted bhajan en

We Screened the film on Sri Ramakrishna from 3.30 p.m on three days. Reading from the Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna with explanations, question and answer Sessions, bhajan etc. formed part of the programme. The programme went off very well.

A brief report of the statement of accounts for the year 1998-1999 was placed before the Committee and the same was approved.

It was decided to meet again during August, 1999.

The members met at the Math on Thursday the 19th August, 1999 at 8.30 a.m.

Swami Harshanandaji : President.

Swami Harshanandaji

M.P. Shyam

Sri M.P. Shyam

Sri M. Venkatesh

Dr. S. Vishwanath

Dr. Kuber Goud.

The Committee was informed that on July 28th, Guru Purnima was celebrated and 550 devotees attended the early morning mangalarati. For the noon function, the attendance was 800. There was a special evening function which was attended by 2000 devotees.

Swami Ramakrishnanandaji's birthday was celebrated on 9th August, 1999. We had special Puja, Homa and Bhajan in the morning and nearly 2200

devotees participated in the function. The evening function started at 5.30 p.m and there was a special bhajan upto 8.15 p.m. More than 1600 devotees attended the evening function.

Swamiji informed the members that for the opening of the Universal Temple of Sri Ramakrishna at Madras, if health permits, Rev. Ranganathanandaji Maharaj will be visiting Madras. In all likelihood, Rev. Swamiji will also visit Bangalore during that time. We have already requested him to come to Bangalore and stay with us at least for a week.

During the first quarter of this year - from April 1999 to June 1999, we have sold books worth of Rs 10.5 lakhs. We are selling at 50% subsidy the following books: Vachana Veda, Facets of Hinduism, Lives of Sri Ramakrishna, Holy Mother and Swamiji - both in English and in Kannada.

We are also trying to open a sales counter at the Bangalore City Railway Station. Similar Counters have already been opened by our Calcutta, Hyderabad and Madras Centres.

The Math had reprinted the following books during the first quarter of this year: Jyothi, Keertana Sangraha, An Introduction to Hindu Culture. The members were informed that the R.V. Educational Institutions have conducted an essay writing competition on the Introduction to Hindu Culture and the M.E.S College, Bangalore ~~distributed~~ distributed this book to all its outgoing graduates. Two new Cassettes and one C.D were released by our Math. A very good demand is there for both the Cassettes and C.D.

The Committee was told that our Mysore Ashram will be publishing a monthly Kannada magazine from January 2000. Swamiji requested the members to help us in enrolling life subscribers and also

in getting advertisements for the magazine.
It was decided to meet again during october

The Advisory Committee of the Math met on Monday the 29th November, 1999 at 6 p.m at the Math premises. The following members were present.

Swami Harshanandaji : President : Swami Harshanandaji

Sri M. Venkatesh
Sri M.P. Shyam
Dr. Kuber Goud
Dr. S. Vishwanath.

The members were given a brief report on all the following Special days observed by the Math:

Krishna Janmashtami	1150	Evening Bhajan
Krishna Jayanti	650	Evening Bhajan
Vinayaka chaturthi	930 Noon Puja 980	Evening Bhajan

	Morning	Noon	Evening Special Bhoja
Sri Durga Puja	500	2800	2000
Kali Puja	-	-	900.

On the Vinaya chaturthi Day the immersion of Sri Ganesha took place at 9.30 p.m and nearly 150 devotees participated in the ceremony..

This year the Sale of books and religious articles upto the end of September 99 is Rs 17,96,534. We hope that the total Sales during the whole year will exceed Rs 40,00,00

During this period two new booklets - An Introduction to Hindu Culture and All About Ganga - were published.

Swamiji briefed the members about our Annual Public Celebrations which will start from January 1, 2000 and the Concluding function will be on Sunday the 9th January 2000. This year also the spiritual retreat for college boys and girls will be held on 16.1.2000

There will be the release of the new Kannada Magazine on January 1, 2000. Swami Raghaveshanandaji will be presiding over the function. The General Secretary, Ramakrishna Math and Ramakrishna Mission will be the Chief Guest for the Balaka Sangha and Yuvaka Sangha Day which will be held on January 3, 2000.

It was decided to meet again on December 25, 1999 at 8:30 a.m

The Advisory Committee of the Ramakrishna Math met on 25.12.1999 at 8:30 a.m and the following members were present:

SWAMI HARSHANANDAJI: Swami Harshanandaji

Dr. Kuber Goud

Dr. S. Vishwanath

Sri M. Venkatesh

Sri M.P. Shyam

Swamiji gave details about the Annual Publication celebrations for the year 2000. The celebrations will begin on the 1st January and there will be a release of the first issue of our Kannada monthly magazine of our Order. Swami Raghaveshanandaji will be presiding over the function.

As usual we will have the Vivekananda Balaka Sangha Day, Harikatha, a classical music concert and Sri Ramakrishna Day, Sri Sarada Devi Day and Swami Vivekananda Day. The youth Spiritual Retreat for college boys and girls will be held on Sunday the 16th January, 2000.

The members were informed that Srimat Swami Smarenanandaji Maharaj, our General Secretary will be reaching Bangalore from Calcutta on the 31st evening. He will be going to Mysore for the release of the first issue of the Kannada Monthly magazine, Viveka Prabha. Swami Harshanandaji will also be returning back to Bangalore on the 2nd morning

The members were told that the Maha Kumbhabhishekam of our Universal Temple of Sri Ramakrishna, Madras has been fixed on Monday the 7th February, 2000. The consecration of the

new temple will be done by our most revered President Maharaj. The Madras Math ~~with~~ has organized a week long function in connection with this consecration ceremony starting from the 5th Februar

Revered President Maharaj will be visiting Bangalore on the 17th February and will stay at Bangalo for a week. He will be going to Mysore on the 19th and will return back to Bangalore on the 23rd Maharaj will be flying back to Calcutta on the 29th February He has kindly agreed to bless the devotees with mantra diksha on two days

. The Christmas was celebrated on the 24th December, 1999 evening between 6.45 p.m and 8 p.m. 700 devotees participated in the function.

It was decided to meet again on 26th January, 2000.

Minutes Of The Meeting On 26.1.2000

The Advisory Committee of the Math met on January 26, 2000 at 8.30 a.m and the following members were present:

Swami Harshanandaji: President

Swami Harshanandaji

Dr. Kuber Goud

Sri M Venkatesh

Sri M.P. Shyam

Dr. S. Vishwanath:

The members were given a detailed report about the Annual Public celebrations held from January 1, 2000. Srimat Swami Smarana-nandaji Maharaj, General Secretary came to Bangalore on the 31st December and went to Mysore on the first morning. Swami Harshanandaji accompanied him to Mysore to participate in the

release of the first issue of our Kannada monthly magazine. Swami Harshanandaji returned back to Bangalore on the 2nd itself.

As usual on the Harikatha and the Balaka Sangha Day nearly 3,000 devotees gathered to participate in the evening function. The attendance on all the days was very good.

The Spiritual Retreat for college students attracted more than 800 students and it was a great success. The speakers on both the morning and evening session spoke very well. The question-answer session by Swami Harshanandaji was very well received by the students. The students showed a lot of interest in our philosophy, literature and are eager to know the solution to their daily problems in life in the

light of the teachings of Sri Ramakrishna, Holy Mother and Swamiji. It was felt that more retreats of a similar nature will be a boon to the students community.

The General Secretary Maharaj came on the 31st December and went to Mysore on 1st January, 2000 at 7.30 a.m. He returned to Bangalore on the 3rd after noon and presided over the Balaka Sangha Day. Swamiji returned back to Calcutta on the following day by the morning flight.

Sri Sarada Devi Jayanti was celebrated on the 29th December 1999. For the morning mangal arati 500 devotees came. More than 3250 devotees attended the noon special pooja and homa. In the evening 3200 devotees came and attended the special lecture and bhajan.

Swamiji informed the members that Rev. Ranganathanandaji Maharaj, President, Ramakrishna Math and Ramakrishna Mission will be visiting Bangalore on the 17th February, 2000 from Madras. He will be with us for about a week and will return back to Calcutta on the 24th morning. Swamiji has graciously consented to give Mantra Diksha to the eager devotees.

It was decided to meet again on March 25, 2000 at 8.30. am.

Minutes Of The Meeting Held On 25.3.2000

The Advisory Committee met on 25.3.2000 at 8.30 a.m and the following members were present:

Swami Harshanandaji : President. Swami Harshanandaji

Dr. Kuber Goud

Dr. Vishwanath

Sri Venkatesh.

Sri M.P. Shyam.

Rev. Swami Ranganathanandaji Maharaj, President, Ramakrishna Math and Ramakrishna Mission came to Bangalore on the 17th February after the Madras Temple opening Function. He left for Mysore on the 19th morning. Revered Swamiji returned back to Bangalore on the 23rd February. He gave mantra diksha on three days and nearly 450 devotees were blessed with Mantra

by Revered Swamiji

Swamiji gave short discourses at our Ulsoor Math premises and also at the Bangalore Math premises. Both the talks have been brought out in an audio Cassettes and are for sale. The Cassettes has come out very well.

Swamiji's lecture on the Gita will be published very soon in two volumes of 500 pages each. His second volume of "The Eternal Values For a Changing Society" will also come out very soon.

Revered Maharaj returned back to Calcutta on the morning of

Swami Vivekananda Jayanthi was observed on the 27th January. The early morning aarathi was attended by nearly 500 people. For the noon special puja, more than 2750 devotees

came. In the evening there was a special bhajan session by Sri Krishnaswamy and Sri Gururaj. Swami Harshanandaji spoke on the concept of "Atmano Mokshartham.... Nearly devotees attended the evening function.

Sri Ramakrishna Vidyarthi Mandiram Day was observed on Sunday the 30th January 2000. In the morning there was a special meeting for the old Boys and Swamiji spoke to them. Nearly 70 old inmates of the Mandiram attended the meeting.

Swami Jagadatmanandaji presided over the evening function. Nearly 700 people came for the function. This year being observed as "Sanskrit year", the students enacted a small Sanskrit Drama on the life of Panini. The Drama was very well appreciated.

Swami Dagatmarandaji visited Bangalore on his way to Madras. He came to India specially to attend the Madras Temple Opening Function

Shivarathri was observed on 4.3.2000. There was a special puja from 6.30 p.m to 8.30 p.m. Nearly 1800 devotees attended the function.

Sri Ramakrishna Jayanthi was celebrated on the 8th March, 2000. For the early morning Mangalarathi nearly 500 devotees came the special puja and Bhana at the noon was attended by 2750 devotees. In the evening, Swamiji gave a special talk on the Pranami Mantra - Sthapakaya cha Dharmasya .... for about 40 minutes. Nearly 2100 people came for the evening function.

A Summary of the Income and Expenditure account as on 10.3.2000 was read out before the meeting.

It was decided to meet again during July 2000.

The Advisory Committee of the Math met at 8 p.m on 2.9.2000 at the Math premises.

Swami Harshanandaji presided over the meeting.

The following members were present:

Swami Harshanandaji: Swami Harshanandaji

Dr. Kuber Goud
Sri M. Venkatesh
Dr S. Vishwanath
Sri M.P Shyam

S. Vishwanath
M.P. Shyam

The audited statement of accounts for the year 1999-2000 was placed before the Committee and the same was approved.

Swamiji informed the members that during the year 1999-2000 books worth Rs 47,00,000

and religious articles worth of Rs 7,82,000 were sold. The Math received a donation of Rs 20,00,000 and the expenses during this period was Rs 12,25,000.

It was decided to request M/s Brahmaiah and Co to continue the auditing of our accounts for this year also.

The following condolence message on the passing away of Sri P Veerabhadra Rao, our auditors was passed:

Resolved that:

The Advisory Committee, Ramakrishna Math, Bangalore expresses its deep sorrow at the demise of Sri P. Veerabhadra Rao, a very close devotee of the Math and also a member of the Managing committee of the Ramakrishna Mission, Shivanahalli from its inception. It also expresses its great appreciation of all the services rendered by him to

the Ramakrishna Math, Bangalore. May his soul rest in peace!

Swamiji informed the members that a Spiritual Retreat for teachers was held on 23.7.2000 from 9 a.m to 5.30 p.m Nearly 95 teachers participated in this Retreat Many requested for such retreats at least once in six months.

The members were informed that 8 Kalyanas will be constructed behind the Math Compound in the Ramakrishna Layout for the benefit of the slum dwellers. This was a long pending request of the people of this area. The estimated cost of this project will be Rs 75,000.

The members were informed that Sri Ramakrishnanandaji's birthday was celebrated on 29.7.2000. For the morning Usha Kirtan nearly 450 devotees were present. For the noon special puja

homa and prayer and for the evening special bhajan and discourse. nearly 2300 and 1900 devotees were present respectively

Sri Krishna Janmashtami was observed on 23.8.2000. There was a special puja in the evening and also a discourse and special bhajan from 6.15 p.m to 8.30 p.m. The function was attended by 1,100 devotees.

Sri Ganesh Chaturthi was celebrated on 31.8.2000 with a special puja to Ganesha in the morning. The immersion ceremony took place in the evening at 8.30 after arati and bhajan. Nearly 900 devotees attended the evening function. The immersion ceremony was attended by 120 people.

The members were informed that a set of books in English and in Kannada will be sold at 50% discount for the benefit of students.

It was decided to meet again during the last week of December, 2000.

The Advisory Committee of The Math met on 13.1.2001 at the Math premises at 8.30 a.m The following members were present:

Swami Harshanandaji : President
: Swami Harshanand

Dr. Kuber Goud
Dr. S. Vishwanath
Sri M. Venkatesh
Sri M.P. Shyam

Swamiji gave a brief report of the Annual Public celebrations held from January 1, 2001 to 9th January 2001.

On Kalpataru Day more than 700 devotees came for the morning function. For the evening satsanga programme nearly 3500 people came.

The Anniversary of the Vivekananda Baleka Sangha and the Vivekananda Yuvaka Sangha was held on the 2nd and Sri Chandrahasa Gupta, Secretary, Kannada and Culture Department, Govt. of Karnataka presided over the function. The drama was enacted very well.

A Harikatha on the life of Purandara dasa by Sri Achyutadas on the 4th was attended by nearly 3000 devotees.

On the last two days, a Marati film on the life of Sant Tukaram was screened with a running Kannada commentary.

On all these days a special discount ranging from 15% to 50% was allowed. The total Total sales during this period was about Rs 5·5 lakhs

Sri Durga Puja was held on 7th oct. For the morning mangalarati nearly 300 people came.

For the noon homa and Special bhajan 2800 devotees came. More than 1500 people attended the evening Special bhajan.

Holy Mother's Jayanti was observed on 17th Dec. The attendance for the morning mangalarati was 550. We had a special puja and homa in the noon and the attendance was 3500. Nearly 2000 people came for the evening function.

The members were informed that Rev. Atmasthanandaji Maharaj, our Vice-President will be coming to Bangalore on 17th February and will be with us for about four days. He will be returning back to Calcutta by the evening flight on 20th Feb.

It was decided to meet again during March 2001.

Minutes Of The Meeting Held On Sunday The 18th March 2001.

The Valedictory meeting of the Present Advisory Committee and the INAUGURAL Meeting of the newly elected Advisory Committee was held at the Math on Sunday the 18th March, 2001 at 11.30 a.m.

Swami Harshanandaji presided over the meeting. The following members were present.

Swami Harshanananda × Swami Harshanandaji

Sri MP Shyam M.P. Shyam

Sri M. Venkatesh M. Venkatesh

Sri Gururaj ×

Sri R. Seshurama Iyer × R. Seshurama Iyer

Sri Gopinath × Governor

Swamiji informed the members that the half-a-day spiritual retreat for college boys and girls on went off very well. More and more youths are interested in such retreats and many relevant questions were asked and answered.

The members were informed that Rev. President Maharaj has arrived from Calcutta on Saturday the 17th ~~March~~ March 2001 by the morning flight. He will be going to Mangalore to open the newly constructed Auditorium on the 20th and will be returning back to Bangalore after two days. Rev. Maharaj will be going to Mysore and will be returning back on the 1st April 2001. He will be visiting our Ulsoor Ashrama on the 7th evening and will be flying back to Calcutta on the 9th morning

Swamiji informed the members that our books sales section this year will be (2000-2001) more than Rs 52 Lakhs.

Swamiji thanked the members of the previous Advisory committee for their support and co-operation. While welcoming the members of the new members, Swamiji gave a brief history of the formation of the Advisory Committee and introduced the new members.

It was decided to meet again during May, 2001.

The Advisory Committee met on Monday the 14th May 2001 at 7.30 p.m and the following members were present:

Swami Harshanandaji: Chairman
Swami Harshanand

Sri Seshadri V
V. Seshadri

Sri Gopinath S.V
Sri Guruvaya S.
Sri R. Seetharama Iyer

The audited statement of accounts for the year 2000-2001 are read and confirmed.

Swamiji informed the members that Rev. President Maharaj went back to Belur Math on the 30th April by the early morning flight. His health is now quite satisfactory.

Rev. Gahanananda ji Maharaj visited Bangalore on his way to Trivandrum from Belgaum on the 13th April. He went to Trivandrum by flight on the 14th April.

As usual we had our Summer Camp for the Senior boys of the Vivekananda Balaka Sangha for about two weeks from April 29th to May 13th. 70 boys participated in the Camp.

Another Camp for the new entrants began on the 13th May and it will be for a week upto 20th May. Fifty new boys are attending this Camp.

Swamiji informed the members that the Centenary of the Bangalore Math and the 50th anniversary of the Vivekananda Balaka Sangha will be during the year 2003. Swamiji requested the members to work out a detailed plan for

celebrating these two events in a befitting manner.

It was decided to meet again on Saturday the 30th June at 7.30 p.m.

Minutes Of The Meeting Held On 30.6.2001

The Advisory Committee met at 7.30 p.m and the following members were present.

Swami Harshananda Swami Harshanandaji

Sri R. Seetharama Iyer
Sri S.V. Gopinath
Sri V. Seshadri

Swamiji informed the members that a special "three-day" educational tour to Chickmagalur area was organised for the boys of the Balaka Sangha as a part of the Vasantha Vihara — our yearly Summer Camp - 30 boys and 5 teacher-guardians went on this trip. They started on May 26 and came back to Bangalore on May 28 after visiting Chickmagalur, Sringeri, Horanadu, Udupi and

Mangalore. The boys informed us that this trip was quite educative and entertaining. Food and accommodation were arranged by Sri M.S. Jairam, chickmagalur, an old student of our Mandiram.

Rev. President Maharaj is progressing very well. He has already started walking without any one's support. We pray that Rev. Maharaj will start giving Mantra Diksha soon to eager devotees.

During this financial year, as on June, the Math reprinted 10 English titles. Two new English booklets were brought out. During this period 5 audio Cassettes and 5 audio CDs were also brought out. All our books and especially the booklets are sold at a very fast rate mainly

because of the quality, content and also the subsidized rate. This also shows that the general public are eager to know more about our Religion and culture

Swamiji informed the members that nearly 60 old people of Rajikalli - Shivanahalli area will be given the following free monthly provisions so that they can atleast live a comfortable old age.

Rice - 10 kgs Toor Dhall - 1 kg
Kadale/Moong 2 kgs Refined oil 1 kg

The approximate value of these items per month per person will be Rs 250. The process of identification is over. Individual photos are being taken for preparing identity cards. This programme will be started before Mahanavami

It was decided to meet again after two months.

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The Advisory Committee met on 13.10.2001 at 7.30 pm and the following members were present:

Swami Harshanandaji.

Swami Harshanandaji

Sri Gurudas :
Sri Gopinath :
Sri V. Seshadri :

Gopinath
V Seshadri

Swamiji informed the members that 35 villagers — old and disabled persons of Shivanahalli-Ragihalli villages are being given monthly provisions to help them in their old age. After a thorough Survey the persons were identified, given identity cards and every month the following

provisions are being given:

Rice —	5 kgs	Toordhal	2 kgs
Refined oil —	1 kg	Green Gram	1 kg
Alsunde	1 kg	Bengal Gram	1 kg

All the recipients ~~are~~ very happy and grateful for this timely help in their old age.

The members were informed in detail about the heart condition of Swami Harshanandji and also about details about the operation he underwent during August 2001.

Swamiji gave in detail the number of books reprinted, new release of audio cassettes and CDS

Swamiji also informed the members that for the first half year the book-sales including the religious articles and audio CDS and cassettes is Rs 49, 15, 000.— This year we hope the total sales will be about Rs 60, 00, 000.

Swamiji briefed the members about the Annual celebrations to be held during the first and Second week of January 2002.

It was decided to meet again during March 2002.

The Advisory committee at 9 a.m and the following persons were present: (25.3.2002)

Swami Harshanandaji: Chairman

× Swami Harshanandaji

1. ~~P.V. Seshadri~~ Gopinath — Convener
2. Sri R. Seetharama Iyer × — R. Seetharama Iyer
3. Sri S.V. Seshadri × — V. Seshadri
4. Sri S. Guruvaja ×

The Committee confirmed the minutes of the previous meeting.

Details about the Annual Public Celebrations which was inaugurated on the 1st January 2002 on the Kalpataru Day were given to the members. The salient features of the celebrations

Were:

1. Kalpataru Day on the 1st with a special retreat in the evening between 5 and 7.30 p.m attended by 2500 devotees
ii Anniversary of Vivekananda Baloka Sangha and Vivekananda yuvaka Sangha on January 2 with a drama by the members of the Baloka Sangha
iii Harikatha on 6th January by Sri ~~Bantag~~ Badragiri Achyutadasa on Sant Namadeva
iv Special discount of 10% on all the books and 50% discount on a few special books
v A total Sale of Rs lakhs 8.25 during the Celebrations.

The Committee members were given details about the following various special days Celebrated in the Math:

a. 23.10.2001 Sri Saraswati Puja: Special Puja and bhajan in the evening — attendance 800

b. 24.10.2001 — Evening Special bhajan — attendance: 750

c. 25.10.2001 — Sri Mahanavami — Morning 650 devotees Special Homa, bhajan in the noon — attendance - 3000 Evening Special bhajan - attendance - 1200

d. 26.10.2001 — Vijaya Dashami + Sri Madhva Jayanti — Release of an audio Cassettes and an audio CD.

e. 14.11.2001 Sri Kali Puja - Special evening Puja and Prayer — attendance - 900

f. 24.12.2001 - x mas Eve - Special talk from 7.30 to 8.15 p.m and a special bhajan 1000 attendance

g. 26.12.2001 - Gita Jayanti - Ramnam in the morning Special prayer in the evening - attendance 800

h. 06.01.2002 Holy Mother's Birthday - Morning Usha Kirtan - attendance 600 - Noon Homa + bhajan - attendance 3800 - Evening bhajan - attendance - 2800.

k. 4.2.2002 - Swamiji's birthday - Morning Usha Kirtan - 500 Noon Rama & bhajan - attendance - 2300 - Evening talk on the name "Vivika Ananda" - ideal and the path - attendance - 1850.

j. 10.02.2002 - Guddali Puja for the new Extension of the Kitchen cooking Section.

h. 14.02.2002. Swami Brahmananda Jayanti - Special Puja, Ramnam, Special bhajan in the noon.

g. 12.03.2002. Maha Shivaratri: Puja, chanting, bhajan from 6.20 to 8.45 p.m. Discourse from 7.00 p.m to 7.30 p.m - attendance 2250.

m. 16.03.2002. Sri Ramakrishna Jayanti - Morning Usha kirtan - attendance ~~28~~ 500 - Noon Rama, bhajan - attendance - 3500. Evening Special bhajan Ekanam attendance - 2800 - One volume of the Namavali audio Cassettes and a CD were released

The members were told that Dear Swami the books sales for the year 2001-2002 may exceed Rs 58,00,000.

The committee was told that Rev. Swami Gahanananda ji Maharaj, Vice President, Ramakrishna Math and Ramakrishna Mission will reach Bangalore on April 24, 2002 and will proceed to Mysore from the Airport. He will be coming back from Mysore on the morning of 27th. We will be having Matra Diksha on two days and Rev. Maharaj will leave for Belgaum on the 30th April.

Swamiji informed the members that the 100th year of The Bangalore Math, the 50th Anniversary of the Vivekananda Balaka Sangha and the 60th year of starting of the Vidyarthi Mandiram falls during the year 2003-2004. Swamiji requested the members to suggest plans to celebrate these events in a befitting manner.

It was decided to meet again on 20.4.2002 at 7.30 p.m.

Minutes Of The Meeting Held On 20.4.2002

The Advisory Committee met on 20.4.2002 and the following members were present:

Swami Harshanandaji: Chairman x

~~Sri S.V. Gopinath~~ x Swami Hariramanandaji

Sri V. Seshadri V. Seshadri

Sri R.S. Seetharama Iyer

Sri S. Guruvaraj.

Sri S.V. Gopinath

The audited statements of accounts for the year 2001-2002 were placed before the Committee. The members were told in detail about the receipts and payments of the different heads of accounts. The whole statements of accounts were confirmed.

Swamiji informed the members that Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu's birthday was celebrated on 28.3.2002 with the usual special Puja and

bhajan. Nearly 800 devotees attended the function.

The members were told that our annual special Summer camp for the Vivekananda Balaka Sangha boys will be conducted from 30.4.2002 to 14.5.2002 for 14 days. The programme includes special lectures, audio-Visual shows, Slide shows on different topics related to religion, Science and arts apart from a few classes on yogasanas. Hand-on experiences classes will also form a part of this Camp.

The members were ~~told~~ informed that since the number of devotees attending the special days are increasing steadily, the present cooking place has become insufficient. After consulting the our architect Sri Jagadeesh Babu, a kitchen annexe was designed

to suit this growing need - The whole structure will be ready by the second week of May. It will be maiguriated on a good day.

It was decided to meet again on 22.06.2002 at 7.30 p.m. at the Math premises.

The Advisory Committee met on 22.6.2002 at 7-30 p.m and the following members were present.

Swami Harshanandaji

× Swami Hayaseenande

Sri S.V. Gopinath × [signature]

Sri S. Gururaja × [signature]

Sri V. Seshadri × V. Seshadri

Sri R. Seetharama Iyer × [illegible]

Swamiji informed the members that Rev. Swami Gahanananda ji Maharaj, Vice President, Ramakrishna Math and Ramakrishna Mission visited Bangalore on 24.4.2002 after the opening of the new temple at Pune. Mantra Diksha was given on two days and nearly 200 devotees

were given initiation. He addressed the devotees at our Ulsoor Centre on Sunday the 28th April evening. He left for Calcutta on 30th April by the morning flight.

There is a proposal to invite Rev. President Maharaj during December 2002

The members were informed that the kitchen annexure was opened during May 2002. Panchopachara puja to Sri Ramakrishna was performed on that day at the newly built annexure. All the construction workers and all our workers were fed with special prasada on that day.

This year also we celebrated the Phalaharini Kali Puja on 10.6.2002 with ashtottara satanamavali from 8.30 pm. More than 1000 people attended this function. We are celebrating this puja for the last three years.

Swamiji informed the members that the following new books were published during these three months:

1. Ashtottara Satanama Stotras
2. Prajatti

The following books were reprinted during this period:

1. Sri Ramakrishna Upanishad
2. Hindu festivals and sacred days
3. A short guide to meditation

It was decided to meet again by the end of November 2002.

The Advisory Committee met on Monday the 23rd December 2002 at 7.30 p.m at the Math premises.

Swami Harshanandaji presided over the meeting

The following members were present:

Swami Harshanandaji: Swami Harshanandaji

Sri R.S. Seetharama Iyer
Sri V. Seshadri
Sri S.V Gopinath
Sri S. Gururaj

Swamiji informed the members that the 'Arise Awake' exhibition conducted for four days from 3.7.2002 attracted many persons every day and a total of 2000 people saw the exhibits.

The following were the details about the attendance during various festivals and birthday celebrations conducted by our Math:

Date	Festivals / Jayanti	Attendance		
		Early morning	Noon	Evening
24.7.2002	Guru Purnima	500		2700
07.8.2002	Ramakrishnananda Jayanti	450	2250	2,000
16.8.2002	Lakshmi Puja	–	–	700
31:08.2002	Sri krishna Janmashtami	–	–	1600
10.09.2002	Vinayaka chaturthi	–	–	1000
	For the Visarjana			350
13.10.2002	Durga Ashtami			900
14.10.2002	Mahanawami / Durga Puja	400	3000	1500
04.11.2002	Kali Puja	–	–	1000
15.12.2002	Gita Jayanti		1000	
17.12.2002	Hanuman Jayanti		900	

Swamiji informed the members that Swami Prabuddhanandaji Maharaj visited Bangalore on the 29th August. He was visiting Bangalore after 5 years. On the 31st morning he visited Shivanahalli and laid the foundation stone for the new monastic quarters there. He also distributed 10 high yielding cows to the villagers at given at subsidised cost. On Sunday the first September, there was a lecture in the evening by Swamiji at the Swami Vivekananda Auditorium at the Math.

With deep regret Swamiji informed the members of the passing away of Sri M Venkatesh on the early morning of 10.12.2002 at the Church of South India Hospital where he was admitted for treatment. After the observance of a few minutes' silence, the following

condolence message was passed:

"The Advisory Committee, Ramakrishna Math, Bangalore expresses its deep sorrow at the demise of Sri M. Venkatesh, a very close devotee of the Math and a member of our previous Advisory Committee on the early morning of December 10, 2002. It also places on record its great appreciation of all the services rendered by him to the Ramakrishna Math, Bangalore. May his soul rest in peace!"

The members were informed about the visit of Rev. Swami Smaranandaji Maharaj, General Secretary, Ramakrishna Math and Ramakrishna Mission on the 28th December. He will be dedicating the newly constructed monastic quarters at our Ashrama at Ulsoor on the 29th morning. There will be a lecture at the Ulsoor Ashrama

on the same evening. He has kindly agreed to inaugurate the Book Sales Exhibition on the 30th evening. He will be visiting Shivanahalli on the 31st morning for a short visit. A special lecture on "Sri Ramakrishna and Sanatana Dharma" by Rev. Swamiji has been arranged on 31st evening at 5.45 p.m. He will be leaving for Belur Math on the 1st by the early morning flight.

Swamiji gave details about our Annual Public celebrations starting on the 1st of January 2003. This year we will start the celebrations with the Kalpataru Day in the morning and a Harikatha by Sri Achyuthadasji in the evening. The Spiritual retreat for college boys and girls will be held on Sunday the 12th January. It was decided to meet again on Saturday the 25th January 2003 at 7.30 p.m.

Minutes Of The Advisory Committee Held On 25-01-2003

The Advisory Committee met on 25.1.2003 at 7.30 p.m. Swami Harshanandaji presided over the meeting. The following members were present:

Swami Harshanandaji X Swami Harshanandaji

Sri V. Seshadri : V. Seshadri 25/01/03

Sri Gururaj

Sri Gopinath : Gopinath

Swamiji gave the members details about the Annual Public Celebrations held from January 1, 2003 to January 12, 2003.

On January 1, Sri Achyuthadasji's harikatha on Sri Ramakrishna was held from 6 p.m to 8 p.m.

Nearly 3000 people listened to this performance. On the Balaka Sangha and Yuvaka Sangha day nearly 2000 devotees attended the function. We had an exhibition for three days on the Personality Development exhibits from Many visited the exhibits. This year also we had our special spiritual retreat for college boys and girls on Sunday the 12th January. Nearly 610 girls and 620 boys attended this retreat. During the celebrations we sold books and religious articles worth Rs 10, 40,000. This year our total annual sales may exceed Rs 65, 00, 000.

The members were told that on Holy Mother's birth anniversary on Thursday December 26, 2002 nearly 600 devotees attended the early morning Mangalarati. Nearly 3,000 and 2,200 devotees respectively attended the special pooja and homa

in the noon and the special prayer in the evening.

Swami Vivekananda's birthday was held on Friday the 24th January 2003. The early morning Mangalarti was attended by 475 people. 2700 devotees took part in the noon pooja and hama. In the evening for the special prayer the attendance was 2,200.

A short report about the financial accounts for the Math and the Publication Section was given to the members as on November 30, 2002.

During the last two months the following books were reprinted/newly published: 1. Pancharatra Agamas (E) 2. Narada Bhakti Sutras (Sanskrit) 3. Rig Veda Samhita Vol 3 (Kannada) 4. Swami Brahmananda in Pictures (E) 5. Sandilya Bhakti Sutras (English)

It was decided to meet again on Friday the 28th March 2003.

The Advisory Committee met on Friday the 28th March 2003. The following members were present:

Swami Harshanandaji: Chairman.

Swami Atmeshanandaji 28/3/03

1)
2) Narayanan
3) Govindan

Swamiji informed the members that the Maha Shivaratri was celebrated on Saturday the 1st March in the evening from 5 p.m with bhajan, special Puja and mangalarati at 8.15 p.m. There was a discourse and

nearly 650 devotees attended the function.

Sri Ramakrishna Jayanti was celebrated on Wednesday the 5th March. For the usha kirtan 500 devotees were present. 3300 devotees attended the noon puja and hana and in the evening there were 2900 people for the bhajan and talk.

On 18.3.2003, Sri Krishna Chaitanya Jayanti was observed & there was a special Ramnam bhajan in the evening. The function was attended by 550 devotees.

Swamiji informed the members that as on 30.11.2002, the total sale of books and religious articles is Rs 35,82,000. It is expected to exceed last years sale by a few lakhs of rupees.

The members were informed that our President Maharaj, Rev. Swami Ranganathanandaji Maharaj, is with us and has bestowed on eagar devotees diksha on 23rd and 25th of this month. 104 and 102 devotees on each

day, took diksha.

Swamiji informed the members details about the centenary celebrations of the establishment of our Bangalore centre and requested the members to give us suggestions to celebrate this occasion.

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Minutes Of The Meeting Held On 23.8.2003

The Advisory Committee ment on Saturday the 23rd August at 7.30 p.m and the following members were present. Swami Harshanandaji presided over the meeting.

Swami Harshananda : Swami. Harshanandaji

Sri Seetharama Iyer : Member-secretary
Sri Seshadri : V. Seshadri
Sri Gopinath : Gopinath

Swamiji gave the following detailed report on: the visit of Revered Swami Ranganathanandaji Maharaj, Swami Atmasthanandaji Maharaj, Swami Gahanandaji Maharaj and also about the various jayanthis held at the Math premises.

Rev. Ranganathanandaji Maharaj:

Date of arrival from Calcutta : 21.03.2003

Initiation Dates	Nos Initiated
23.03.2003	104
25.03.2003	102
01.04.2003	125
03.04.2003	121 = 452

Date of visit to Mysore by Car: 26.03.2003
Date of return from Mysore by Car: 30.03.2003 (morning
Visit to Ulsoor Centre: 04.04.2003 at 5.p.m.
Date of departure to Calcutta: 06.04.2003 (morning)

2. Rev. Atmasthanandaji Maharaj:
Date of arrival from Mysore by car 23.04.2003
Date of initiation and Nos : 26.04.2003, 92
Date of departure by Car to Salem via Nattarampal
28.04.2003

Inauguration of Vasantha Vihara : 9 a.m
old boys 82, New boys 35

3. Rev. Gahananandaji Maharaj

Date of arrival from Cochin: 29.06.2003
Date of departure to Calutta: 11.07.2003 by flight. There was no initiation.

4. Swami Ramakrishnanandaji: Jayanthi Usha Kirtan: 550, Noon - 2800, Evening 2300

5.

Ramanavami: 11.04.2003 Friday. Dashopachara puja to Sri Rama. Evening 6.30, special bhajan - 1500 attendance.

Basava Jayanthi: Monday 05.05.2003 - 800.

Shankara & Ramanuja Jayanthis: Tuesday 6.5.03 - 800

Buddha Poornima: Friday 16.5.2003 special Pooja to Buddha - Arati at 6.30 p.m Talk 7.00 - 7.30 p.m Special bhajans 7.30 - 8.00 p.m. 700 attendance

Phalaharini Kali Puja - Friday 30.5.2003. Mother photo in the prayer hall. Special pooja 10.45 a.m Arati at 11.30 a.m. attendance 850.

Guru Poornima: Sunday 13.7.2003 - Satsangam in the evening 5-8 p.m. Talk by Swami Raghaveshanandaji - NO. 2600.

Lakshmi Pooja Friday 08.08.2003 - Panchopachara pooja, Ashtottara Archana to lakshmi at 6.30p.m. 800 attendance.

Sri Krishna janmashtami Tuesday 19.8.2003 Special Puja from 6.15 p.m to 8.15 p.m - 1600 -

Sri Krishna Jayanthi 20.8.2003. 800.

Golden jubilee of VBS:

30.5.2003 5.30p.m: Chief Guest: Swami Gautamanandaji. 3000 people attended - a very grand success - Special features - a multimedia presentation of the history of Balaka Sangha and also the release of the printe magazine.

31.5.2003 - 3000 people attended

1.6.2003. Honouring Swamis — a special spiritual Retreat for old boys from 7 a.m to 1:30 p.m - 300 boys attended - Special Puja, Rama, talk and bhajan.

After the report, Swamiji introduced the topic of celebrating the Centenary of the starting of the Ramakrishna Math at Bangalore from 16th August, 2004 for about a year in a befitting manner

It was decided to form various sub-committees to chalk out and guide the various programmes to be conducted throughout the centenary year. It was also expressed the desire to invite Rev. President Maharaj for the inaugural function and release the 4-Volume book on "The Encyclopaedia of Hinduism

Swamiji gave guidelines about the various programmes to be organised during this Centenary year. He requested the members to think about them & give their suggestions.

It was decided to meet again by the beginning of November 2003.

Minutes Of The Meeting Held On Monday — 24-11-2003.

The Advisory Committee met at 7.30 p.m. Swami Harshanandaji presided over the meeting.

Swami Harshanandaji : Swami. Harshanandaji

The following members were present

Sri S Gopinath (Gopinath)

Sri V. Seshadri V Seshadri

Sri R.S. Seetharama Iyer Seetharamaiyer

Sri Gururaj

Swamiji informed the members that the Math observed the Mahanavami day on 4th October 2003. 2700 people attended the morning special puja and homa. In the evening we had a special bhajan from 5.30 p.m. Nearly 2500 people participated. We were able to sell Rs 40,000 worth of religious books on that day.

Kali Puja was observed on Friday the 24th October. The prayer hall was illuminated with lighted oil lamps and the special puja with bhajans to Mother Kali from 6.30 p.m was attended by nearly 850 devotees.

The members were informed that the Belgaum Ashrama will be opening its newly constructed prayer hall/Shrine-Prayer Hall will be on January 23rd 2004. Rev. President Maharaj has graciously agreed to consecrate the Shrine-Prayer Hall complex. Rev. Swamiji will be flying to Bangalore on the 19th January 2004 and on 21st morning will be going to Belgaum by Deccan airways. He will be returning back on the 27th and will be flying back to Calcutta on the 2nd February, 2004. He has kindly agreed to initiate devotees on 29th and 31st January 2004.

Our General Secretary will be visiting Mysore on the 9th January. On his way he will stay at Bangalore. Again he will be visiting Bangalore on the 21st January 2004.

Rev. Gitanandaji Maharaj, our Vice President, will be visiting Bangalore during the last week of January and again during the first week of Feb. 2004.

The Centenary Celebrations Committee met on 2nd Nov. and the members were given a detailed report about the proceedings. Various Sub-Committees have been formed to transact the celebrations' proceedings.

This year also the ~~the~~ Math will be observing the Annual Public Celebrations from Sunday the 21st December 2003 to 1st January 2004

In commemoration of the 150th Birth Anniversary of Sri Sarada Devi, the Holy Mother, a small book giving a brief life sketch of the Mother containing 8 colour photographs in art paper will be published during December. A translation of this book in Kannada will also be published. The book will be sold at a subsidized rate of Rs 5/- and will be released on Sunday the 21st December 2003 by the Governor of Karnataka.

It was decided to meet again on Thursday the 18th December 2003.

Minutes Of The Meeting Held On 18.12.2003 (Thursday)

The Advisory committee met on 18.12.2003 at 7.30 p.m and the following members were present:

Swami Harshanandaji : Chairman
x Swami. Hariramananda

Sri V. Seshadri — V. Seshadri
& S V Gopinath — (Gopinath
Sri R Seetharam Iyer — R Seetharam Iyer

Swamiji informed the members that as a part of the 150th Birth Anniversary of the Holy Mother a rathotsava was organised on Sunday the 7th December 2003. More than 6500 devotees and nearly 25 bhajan parties from 30 Sat. Sangha Kendras of Bangalore city participated in the 2.5 km long procession. It started at 10.45 am at the Math and returned back by 12.45 p.m after going to Bull Temple and Gavi temple at Gavipuram.

Before the starting of the Rathotsava there was a public meeting at 9.30 a.m ~~small booklet on Holy Mother~~ Sri Sarada Devi the wonder that was ~~was released by~~ presided over by Sri Mallikarjuna Kharge. the Home Minister of Karnataka. The whole function went off very well.

The Holy Mother's jayanti was celebrated on Tuesday the 16th December. Nearly 600 people attended The morning was Kirtan. 3800 devotees attended the morning special puja, homa and bhajan. 2800 people participated in the evening function.

Harshanandaji told the members that Rev. President Maharaj will be visiting Bangalore on the 19th January 2004. He will go to Belgaum on the 21st to consecrate the new

constructed temple cum office complex on the 23rd. January 2004. He will return to Bangalore on the 27th. Rev. Maharaj has kindly consented to initiate devotees on the 29th and 31st January 2004. He will be returning back to Calcutta on 2nd February by the evening flight.

The members were told that various Sub-Committees have been formed to chalk out the year long programme for the 100th Anniversary of the starting of the Ramakrishna Math, Bangalore. The week long inaugural function will be held on Sunday the 22nd August 2004.

Swamiji gave details about the Annual Public celebrations that will be held from 21st ~~Jan~~ December 2003 to January 1, 20

We will be having the usual Hairkatha, Balaka Sangha and Yuvaka Sangha days.

It was decided to meet again on Saturday, February 14, 2004 at ~ 7.30 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON

MONDAY THE 16th FEBRUARY 2004.

The Advisory Committee met on 16.2.2004 at 7.30 pm and the following persons were present.

The minutes of the earlier meeting were confirm

Swami Harshanandaji: President of the meeting × Swami. Harshanandaji

S.V GOPINATH.

R. Seetharamaiyer

S. GURURAJA

V Seshadri

Gopinath

Narasimhaiyer

V. Seshadri

Swamiji informed the members that our Annual Public Celebrations went off very well. The average attendance on all the days was very good and more and more new people are coming to the Math and attending all the functions.

During the celebrations the Math sold nearly Rs 10 lakhs worth of books and religious articles. This year we expect the sale of books and religious articles would be about Rs 85 lakhs.

On Sunday the 21st December 2003, we conducted a "half-a-day" retreat for the Sat Sangha groups in and around Bangalore. Nearly 300 members representing 30 groups participated in this retreat.

The 150th Birth Anniversary of Sri Sarada Devi, the Holy Mother was observed on Sunday, December 21, 2003. and Sri T N Chaturvedi, the Hon. Governor of Karnataka presided over the evening function. He released a new book on Holy Mother — Sri Sarada Devi — the wonder that was! He also distributed prizes for the first three

winners of the speaking competitions held in different schools as a part of the celebrations.

Balaka Sangha and yuvaka Sangha days were held on the 25th and 26th. On Sunday the 28th a harikatha on Satya Harishchandra by Sri Badragiri Achyuthadasji was arranged

The concluding session was held on January 1, 2004.

Revered President Maharaj came to Bangalore on the 19th January. Unfortunately Rev. Maharaj had a minor health problem on his way in the plane itself. And hence he cancelled his visit to Belgaum and instead stayed in Bangalore itself. On the advise of the expert doctors, he extended his stay at Bangalore by about a week. He graciously initiated eager devotees on three days. He left for Calcutta on the

10th February by the evening flight.

Swamiji's Jayanthi was celebrated with special puja, homa and bhajan on the 14th January. 2500 devotees attended the noon function and in the evening the number was 2250. Swami Sridharanandaji gave a special discourse in the evening. His talk was very much appreciated by all.

We had have chalked out a detailed programme for the Centenary of the Math. We are planning to have the inaugural function during the last week of December and we will continue to have different programmes throughout a year

It was decided the meet again on March 22, 2004 at 7.30 p.m.

Minutes Of The Meeting Held On Tuesday The 23rd March 2004

The advisory committee met on 23.3.04 instead of 22.3.04 at 7.30 p.m and the following members were present.

Swami Harshanandaji : Swami. Harsananda

Sri V. Seshadri — V. Seshadri
Sri R. Seetharamaiyer — Nsundaram
Sri S.V. Gopinath — Gopinath
Sri S. Gururaja

The minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed.